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## A FORGOTTEN SHRINE

The entrance to the Japanese Nan-Go Jinja (Shinto shrine), abandoned following the U.S. invasion and Battle of Saipan in 1944. The shrine is located on private property in Kannat Tabla and requires permission to access. Inside the cave is an area that once held the Shinto shrine's most sacred objects, none of which remain.

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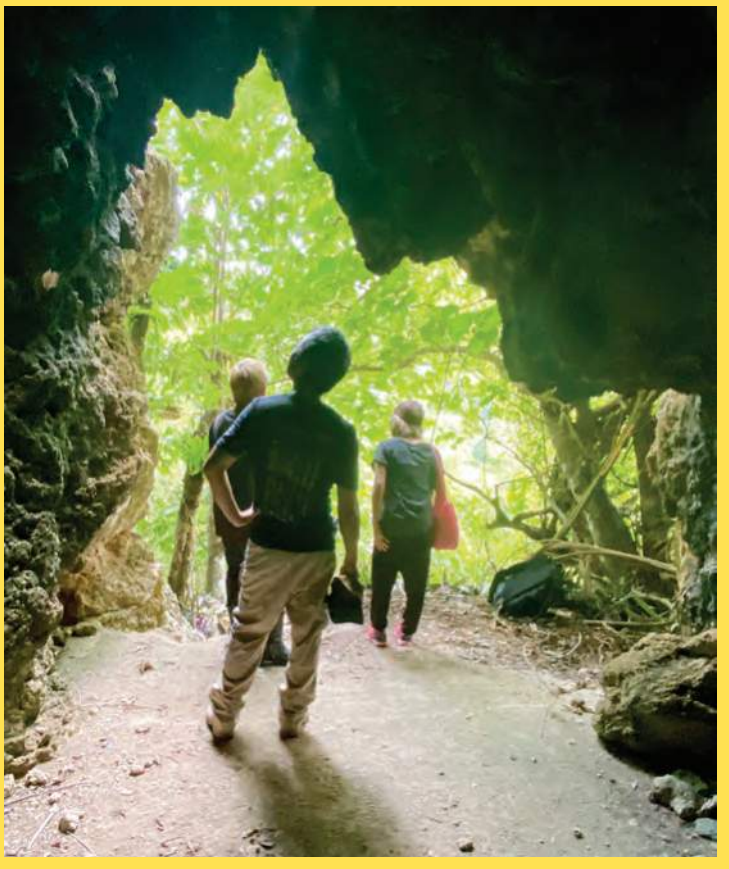

Three Japanese longtime residents of Saipan examine the interior of the entrance of the Nan-Go Jinja (Shinto shrine) Wednesday afternoon. As with many natural shelters on Saipan, the rock walls of the cave shrine still bear flamethrower scorch marks from the assault of U.S. forces in 1944. In Shinto, shrines are almost always located close to fresh water in order to conduct purification rights (a source or water is nearby) and significant rocks, rock formations, and caves are thought of as possessing residing *kami* (spirits).

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# 'OAG offers no legit reason for filing its case vs Torres only'

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Torres

The defense in the criminal case against Gov. Ralph DLG Torres argues that no legitimate reasons have been given to file criminal charges solely against Torres when other government officials have also travelled first class.

In response to the Office of the Attorney General's opposition to Torres' motion to dismiss the criminal case against him on the grounds of selective and vindictive prosecution, Torres' lawyers argue that the prosecution has

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## CNMI awarded $308M to recover from Yutu, Mangkhut; $40.8M for COVID-19

» Patrick Guerrero says $77.5 million more for hazard mitigation projects related to 3 typhoons, COVID

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The CNMI has been awarded a combined $308 million to recover from the 2018 Super Typhoon Yutu and Typhoon Mangkhut, and $40.8 mil-

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## COMMUNITY VULNERABILITY

**LEGEND:**
- **Red:** Least safe
- **Orange**
- **Yellow**
- **Blue**
- **Green:** Safest

*Source: Office of the Governor*

## GUN VIOLENCE IN AMERICA:
## A long list of forgotten victims

By MICHAEL TARM and BRYNN ANDERSON
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ATHENS, Ala. (AP)—Amid the stream of mass shootings that have become chillingly commonplace in America, the reality of the nation's stag-

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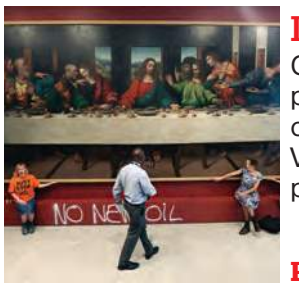


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# Rotary Club girds for projects under new leadership

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With the theme "Imagine Rotary," the Rotary Club of Saipan leadership—with Wendell Posada at its helm as the new president—has already lined up a series of community projects for 2022 to 2023.

In an interview with Posadas soon after he was sworn in, he told Saipan Tribune that they have many new projects that are up for consideration, on top of projects that are already underway, such as a new youth center, an extension and added pathway to the Kagman park, as well as the previously publicized construction of beach ramps for the elderly. That would also include the cleanups that the Rotary always participates in. "We have a lot of community projects," Posadas noted.

The club's new officers and directors were installed last Friday at the Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Ballroom. In addition, the club also presented Joann Aquino with its Rotarian of the Year award, alongside fellow awardees Jessy Loomis and Charles V. Cepeda.

Posadas welcomed the installation of the new officers and he said he is happy to continue "serving in the Rotary [even] after 10 years, and I appreciate all the Rotarians who are giving their time and resources to all of these for the betterment of the community."

Posadas was installed as the new president of the Rotary Club of Saipan last Friday, following Ivan Ilmov, who held the position last year. Ilmov's was also inducted as the new international service director. Aside from the two, the other officers are Irene Holl as president-elect, Jessy Loomis as vice president, Charles Cepeda as treasurer, Mary Grace Bautista as club service director; Dr. Nelson Krum as community service director; David Baker as vocational service director; Gregory Pat Borja as the new generation director; Mario Valentino as sergeant-at-arms; and Wayne Gillespie as foundation director.

CNMI Supreme Court Associate Justice Perry Inos swore-in the new officers and directors that evening.

Rotary Club of Saipan officers and directors for 2022-23 are sworn into office during the Rotary of Saipan's induction banquet at the Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Ballroom last Friday.

CHRYSTAL MARINO

## Guam adjusts tally of COVID-19-related fatalities; 154 new cases, 16 hospitalized

Guam's Joint Information Center was notified of one previously unreported COVID-19-related fatality that is being included on the official list. The COVID-19-related fatality occurred at the Guam Memorial Hospital on June 13, 2022. The patient was a 93-year-old male, unvaccinated with underlying health conditions, who tested positive on April 11.

The JIC statement said that, after a review of all possible COVID-19-related deaths, two previously counted COVID-19-related deaths have been removed and the COVID-19-related fatality count has been adjusted to 371.

"To his family and friends, Jeff, Josh and I extend our heartfelt condolences," said Gov. Lou Leon Guerrero. "While we recognize that re-engaging with our friends and families is an important part of moving forward, continued precautions will be necessary, especially around our elderly and our sick. We can all do our part by wearing our masks in crowded places and by availing of the COVID-19 vaccines and boosters, which are safe, effective, and free."

Also, Guam reported 154 new cases of COVID-19 from 1,119 specimens collected July 5, 2022. To date, there have been a total of 52,517 officially reported cases, 371 deaths, 835 cases in active isolation, and 51,311 not in active isolation. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

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# FEMA makes biggest app redesign in last 10 years

The Federal Emergency Management Agency announced yesterday that it has updated its mobile app—in English and Spanish—to give users increased personalization options and help them take charge of disasters.

Driven by critical customer feedback, this is the mobile app's largest update in the last 10 years and demonstrates FEMA's continued commitment to meeting people where they are by providing the resources they need in a user-friendly way.

"FEMA is committed to providing families with the tools and information they need to keep themselves and their loved ones safe from disasters," said FEMA administrator Deanne Criswell. "By advancing our mobile app technology, we are better helping communities plan, protect and recover from disasters through clear, effective and relatable communication."

The original FEMA app gave users a reference guide of information to pull from and basic alert features. The new app will allow users to customize what they see in the app in order to receive information most relevant to their user preferences and location. Another innovative feature of this revamp is a Recover section that helps disaster survivors understand federal disaster declarations in their area and get answers to common questions about the assistance application process. Together, these new features help users better prepare for, protect against and recover from disasters.

The app's redesign has been rooted in the customer experience and user feedback, with increased accessibility integrated into the development process to ensure this new version was also user friendly for people with disabilities.

"At FEMA, we're constantly striving to make our information as approachable as possible," said FEMA Digital Engagement & Analytics Branch chief Gloria Huang. "This latest update is a big step forward, but not the end of our progress. We'll continue taking user feedback and technological advances to improve app functionality. This information empowers people to make informed decisions about their preparedness and response to disasters."

In addition to all-new features like disaster declaration notifications and frequently asked questions on assistance applications, popular features such as weather alerts, emergency shelter locations and disaster recovery center information will be included in this update but with an entirely new, user-friendly look and feel. Preparedness information on the FEMA app has also been completely re-worked to make it easier to understand, and this latest version will present interactive preparedness information grouped by topic.

The app is available for download on iOS or Android. Current users will need to update their app and enter profile information but will not need to re-download it to access new features. Watch our FEMA App video and visit the FEMA App webpage for additional information.

Furthering FEMA's commitment to providing accessible disaster information, the agency also updated its Text-to-Shelter feature this year. Users can now text "shelter" and their ZIP code to 43362 to get a list of nearby shelter locations. During disasters, it is important to follow instructions given by local and state officials, as they may share additional sheltering options. ***(PR)***

# Man accused of bank fraud pleads guilty; awaits sentencing

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A man who was accused of committing bank fraud in purchasing a vehicle at Atkins Kroll has pleaded guilty to the charges against him and now awaits acceptance of his plea.

During a change of plea hearing last week at the U.S. District Court for the NMI, Ming Jin Jin, a man accused of using a fraudulently acquired driver's license in his application to purchase a 2022 Toyota Prius from the Atkins Kroll dealership, pleaded guilty to one count of bank fraud.

After finding Jin fully competent to enter a knowing, voluntary, and intelligent plea, U.S. District Court for the NMI Magistrate Judge Heather Kennedy said she would issue an order recommending that Chief Judge Ramona Manglona accept Jin's admission of guilt.

The written finding was issued last Friday.

The defendant's sentencing will be scheduled after Manglona accepts the findings and recommendations.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, because a conviction for bank fraud is a Class B felony, the conviction carries a maximum penalty of 30 years in prison, a $1-million fine, and a five-year probation term.

According to court documents, Jin used a fraudulent driver's license on Jan. 29, 2022, in applying to purchase a 2022 Toyota Prius from the Atkins Kroll car dealership. The application was forwarded to First Hawaiian Bank as FHB would finance the $30,639 needed to purchase the vehicle.

As relief, the U.S. government wants Jin to forfeit any and all property constituting, or derived from, proceeds obtained as a result of the offense.

Back in 2021, Jin was convicted of conspiracy to unlawfully produce an identification document and was sentenced to one-year probation.

Authorities said he presented a fake driver's license and a fake vehicle registration during a traffic stop in 2019.

In that case, his term of supervised probation was set to expire on May 27, 2022. As part of the conditions of his probation, he was prohibited to drive a vehicle.

However, in February, a probation officer saw him driving a vehicle.

When he was stopped, Jin handed over an insurance certificate and a certification from Atkins Kroll Saipan indicating that he had purchased the vehicle on Jan. 28, 2022.

Jin's probation was revoked.

# Democratic Party endorses Rep. Manglona for Rota senator

## » For now, Deocratic Party just has Rep. Celina Babauta as candidate for Saipan senator

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The NMI Democratic Party is supporting the candidacy of Rep. Donald M. Manglona (Ind-Rota) who is running for senator this Nov. 8 general election.

Manglona

Rep. Christina E. Sablan (D-Saipan), who is running for governor under the Democratic Party, disclosed yesterday that the Party is endorsing Manglona for Rota senator.

Manglona is currently the chair of the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee.

Manglona is among the five candidates who will be squaring off for two Senate Rota positions.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that, aside from Manglona, Rota Mayor Efraim Atalig and CNMI Department of Homeland Security special assistant Dennis Mendiola are also running for senator under the Republican Party.

Former representative Crispin Ogo and former teacher Edward Maratita Jr. are also vying for a Senate seat as independent candidates.

Babauta

Rep. Sablan said for now, it is just Rep. Celina R. Babauta who will be running for a Saipan Senate seat under the Democratic banner.

So far, four other individuals are expected to file their candidacies for senator of Saipan, which has two positions up for grabs.

The four who will be running are Rep. Angel Aldan Demapan and former representative Janet Ulloa Maratita under the Republican Party, and Rep. Corina L. Magofna and former Commerce secretary and representative Andrew Sablan Salas as independent candidates.

# OAG

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not provided legitimate reasons to as to why only Torres is facing criminal charges while other government officials are not.

Torres is represented by attorneys Viola Alepuyo, Victorino Torres, Matthew Holley, and Anthony Aguon.

"The prosecution does not submit any statement under oath setting forth any explanation for why no other governmental official has been charged with an alleged violation of 1 CMC § 7407, or setting forth the reason why a criminal case was filed against Gov. Torres rather than pursuing the remedy of a civil money penalty, or why the prosecution did not file any charges within two years of knowing of the facts upon which Counts 1-13 are based. Similarly, the prosecution fails to proffer any legitimate reason(s) for bringing a criminal action only against Gov. Torres and no other government officials," the motion stated.

Torres' lawyers said the record from a previous evidentiary hearing, where Attorney General Ed Manibusan was called to the stand, shows that numerous other government officials have travelled on an airline ticket issued for travel in a class other than regular economy fare.

"Yet, the prosecution has not brought criminal charges against any other governmental official other than Gov. Torres. Noticeably, the prosecution does not submit any statement under oath or point to any other government official that is or has been subject to criminal prosecution," the lawyers said.

In addition, the defense argues the prosecution in this case concedes that the OAG, under the direction of Manibusan, published its own travel regulation in 2016 allowing the attorney general, assistant attorneys general, and other employees to travel first class for travel over five hours.

"This would automatically authorize government employees to cause to issue first class tickets in order to comply with its own travel regulation," the motion said.

Lastly, during the previous evidentiary hearing in this case, Torres' lawyers said Manibusan himself conceded that this policy is still in place and has not been amended.

"The court must make a finding that Gov. Torres was selectively targeted as early as December 2019; that AG Manibusan did not want to investigate others who engaged in similar conduct. Others, including AG Manibusan, have engaged in similar conduct. Accordingly, this court must make those findings since they were unopposed," they said in the motion.

In response to the prosecution's claims that Torres cannot show other situated persons not being prosecuted under the same violations he is currently being tried for, Torres' attorneys claim the statement is incorrect.

"For selective prosecution purposes, a 'similarly situated' person is one who: engaged in the same type of conduct, which means that the comparator committed the same basic crime in substantially the same manner as the defendant. Gov. Torres stands alone in this prosecution while numerous others similarly situated go uncharged," the lawyers argue.

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gering murder rate can often be seen more clearly in the deaths that never make national news.

Take this weekend in Chicago. On Monday, a rooftop shooter opened fire into crowds gathered for an Independence Day parade in a Chicago suburb, killing at least seven people and wounding some 30.

Less talked about, Chicago Police say 68 people were shot in the city between Friday at 6 p.m. and just before midnight on Monday. Eight of them died.

Most gun violence in America is related to seemingly ordinary disputes that spin out of control and someone goes for a gun. Often, the victim and the shooter know one another. They are co-workers and acquaintances, siblings and neighbors. They are killed in farming villages, small towns and crowded cities.

They are people like David Guess, a 51-year-old small-town father of four who had struggled with addiction and who police say was shot by an acquaintance and dumped in an Alabama forest near a place called Chicken Foot Mountain.

His killing drew little attention outside the rural stretch of northern Alabama where Guess grew up and later worked as a mechanic and truck driver. But his death shattered many lives.

"It's been absolutely devastating" to the Guess family, said his brother, Daniel Guess. Their 72-year-old father, Larry, now rarely leaves his home and often doesn't get out of bed.

Daniel didn't just lose his brother in the shooting.

"I've lost my dad. too," he said. "It is killing my dad."

Compared to much of the developed world, America is a murderous country. The United Nations estimates the U.S. homicide rate is three times that of Canada, five of France, 26 of Japan. According to some studies, there are more guns in America today than there are people.

But if Americans often see the country's streets as ever more dangerous scenes of public mass killings, the reality is more complicated.

While mass murders soak up the vast majority of the attention, more than half of America's roughly 45,000 annual firearm deaths are from suicide.

# CNMI

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lion for the COVID-19 pandemic, according to Patrick Guerrero of the Public Assistance Office.

Speaking at an informal meeting yesterday with members of the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee in the House chamber, Guerrero, who is also the Governor's Authorized Representative for COVID-19, also disclosed that the CNMI also received under his watch $77.5 million for hazard mitigation projects related to Super Typhoons Soudelor and Yutu, Typhoon Mangkhut, and COVID-19.

Guerrero

Ways and Means Committee vice chair Rep. Corina L. Magofna (Ind-Saipan) called for the "informal meeting" with Guerrero to obtain a status update from the Public Assistance Office regarding projects and reimbursement related to Mangkhut and Yutu.

For the $77.5-million hazard mitigation grant program, Guerrero said that some of that amount has already been awarded, and some are still being reviewed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

"But at the end of the day, that will be added to the…I guess…federally funded projects under disaster recovery," Guerrero said.

He said the CNMI has been awarded $308 million for the two disasters: $302 million via the Super Typhoon Yutu declaration, and $6.7 million for Typhoon Mangkhut.

With respect to COVID-19, of the $40.8 million awarded, there are still about $22.5 million pending obligation they hope to receive in the next 30 days, Guerrero said.

He said an additional $20 million is pending FEMA'S review. "That brings it up to around $85 million if my math is correct," Guerrero said.

He said that, overall, based on Public Assistance Office information received from Homeland Security for reimbursements related to COVID, their tracking is that they're just below the $100-million mark in expenses.

"What we do is we track actual costs versus contracts," Guerrero said.

He said they still have a lot of accounting to do with the obligation of contracts.

Guerrero said as they close out before the end of this year, they still look forward to receiving about $7.2 million that will go to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. in the form of reimbursement for actual costs that they incurred in response to Super Typhoon Soudelor in 2015.

For Super Typhoon Yutu, CUC alone is expecting about another $15 million to be awarded to it, he added. Guerrero said this would cover labor and equipment that CUC used during the disaster recovery period.

He said they have not received those reimbursement requests yet from CUC, but they were getting ready to submit those.

Guerrero said Homeland Security is also doing the final reconciliation on their emergency work for Yutu to get $4 million in reimbursement.

He said they still have a couple of projects to close out from seven years ago, from the 2015 Super Typhoon Soudelor disaster.

"Not much. But we should be closing this disaster,…before the end of this year," Guerrero said.

He noted that the average for states and territories to close out a disaster is about seven to eight years. "Yutu might take us around that timeline, just because it was a very large event for us as well. But most of the work we're focusing on these days are those two disasters—Mangkhut and Yutu," Guerrero said.

# 2 more NMC graduates join list of NCLEX passers

Northern Marianas College nursing graduates Julyann Garcia and Sheryl Alazar have joined the long list of NMC graduates who passed the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses or NCLEX-RN.

The NCLEX-RN tests an individual's nursing knowledge, skills and abilities essential to the safe and effective practice of nursing at the entry level. The exam is used by nursing boards in all U.S. states and territories to award nursing licenses.

"I want to congratulate Julyann and Sheryl on becoming the latest graduates to pass this difficult exam and look forward to hearing more about their success as medical professionals," NMC president Dr. Galvin Deleon Guerrero said.

NMC Nursing Department chair Rosa Aldan also congratulated the two on their achievements.

"Our nursing graduates continue to achieve great things, and Sheryl and Julyann are great examples of those achievements," Aldan said. "We are so proud of their amazing accomplishment and wish them all the best!"

According to Garcia, she wanted to pursue a career in nursing because she wanted to make a difference in people's lives and to also challenge herself to learn something new everyday, especially in the healthcare field.

Garcia also said that she is very appreciative of the support from all her instructors in the nursing program. "I benefited the most from our lessons when we were able to apply what we learned to real life situations in either a skills lab or the hospital, and our review sessions toward the end of the year helped me in preparing for the exam," Garcia said.

Northern Marianas College nursing graduate Julyann Garcia. NMC

Northern Marianas College nursing graduate Sheryl Alarzar. NMC

For Alazar, she said one of the factors that contributed to her passing the NCLEX is having a lot of patience and faith. "It was not easy preparing for it while working as a nursing assistant, but with all the support from my family and friends who believed in me and with all the prayers, everything is possible," Alazar said.

Asked what advice she has for others who are preparing for the NCLEX-RN exam, Garcia said, "Find a study routine that works for you, commit to it, and allocate time toward taking care of yourself to ensure you are in the best state to take your exam. Settle any doubts that you have and trust that you can do this because you can and you will."

For more information about NMC's nursing program, email Aldan at rosa.aldan@marianas.edu or call 237-6744. ***(NMC)***

# 2 NMI students land on Oregon State U honor roll

**CORVALLIS, Ore.**—Two students from Saipan have made it to the Scholastic Honor Roll for spring 2022 at the Oregon State University.

Robert Lawrence B. Deleon Guerrero and Erica Jonette C. Leon Guerrero joined a total of 7,150 students who've earned a B-plus (3.5) or better to make the listing. To be on the honor roll, students must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work.

Deleon Guerrero is a senior taking up Agricultural Sciences, while Leon Guerrero is a junior pursuing an Environmental Sciences degree. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

# HSEM oversees operations of debris removal on Tinian

Due to the toxic fire that occurred in the island of Tinian on June 19, 2022, acting CNMI governor Jude U. Hofschneider, in coordination with CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management special assistant Dennis C. Mendiola, have declared a major disaster warning to collect and discard the debris left behind by Super Typhoon Yutu on the island.

A meeting was held last Friday, June 25, at the Office of the Governor, and a declaration was issued to speed-up the process of awarding the contract to execute the notice to proceed. Once the contract is awarded, CNMI HSEM will communicate with the contractors to collect the leftover debris, conduct tests on the soil making sure no chemicals are involved within, and to prevent contamination of Tinian's water table.

The scope of work that is stated in the contract is granting permission to collect and discard all leftover waste and debris from Super Typhoon Yutu, and begin tests on the soil to make sure contaminants and other toxins did not seep through to the water table.

"It is up to acting governor Jude U. Hofschneider and CNMI HSEM to ensure that the water table does not get contaminated, as the safety of our people on Tinian is at our utmost concern. We'd like to recognize the Office of Planning and Development, Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality, the Department of Public Works, the Environmental Protection Agency, Tinian [Legislative] Delegation, and the Tinian news office in subsidizing the waste disposal, which may harm the health of our residents on Tinian," said Mendiola. ***(PR)***

# 76th Liberation Day Parade

The 2022 Liberation Day Grand Marshall, Mike Sablan, seated left.
JAYVEE VALLEJERA

The 2021 Liberation Day Grand Marshal, Stanley McGinnis, seated, left.
JAYVEE VALLEJERA

The 2020 Grand Marshal, Don Farrell, waves to the crowd.
JAYVEE VALLEJERA

The Saipan Maga'håga Lady Eagles Club truck.
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The Saipan Maga'håga Lady Eagles Club members on their float.
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The Governor's Council of Economic Advisers' Village Pride Flag float.
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The Governor's Council of Economic Advisers float.
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The Man'amko' Center's Office on Aging float.
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Some *man'amko* are seen atop of their float.
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The Triple J float.
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The 180 Production - Victory Chapel float.
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The Native Tradition Bahay Kubo float.
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The Office of the Governor's float.
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The NMI Museum float.
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The Diaspora of the FSM in Saipan along with its dancers from Yap.
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The DPW float.
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A construction equipment from DPW displays "Biba 4th of July" during the Liberation Day parade.
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The Department of Commerce float.
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# Marshall Islander selected for competitive graduate scholarship

**TOKYO**—A National Weather Service officer in the Marshall Islands has been awarded a full-ride scholarship to pursue graduate study at Sophia University's Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies in Tokyo, Japan.

Nover Juria is currently completing his studies in the Social Sciences of Ocean at the University of Hawaii-Manoa. He earlier earned two Associate of Arts degrees from the College of the Marshall Islands.

Juria has been with the Marshall's National Weather Service since 2010. He has completed a number of training programs. Before joining the weather service, Juria was a government budget officer.

Juria is the 10th Micronesian to be awarded the highly competitive scholarship. The graduate scholarship program has supported nine Micronesians at Sophia University. Six have earned master's degrees in environmental studies, while three are currently graduate students in Tokyo

Juria said he has a strong interest in studying how national climate change policy is developed and implemented. In particular, he is interested in studying the National Climate Change Policy Framework. "Its aim is to foster and guide a national plan of action to address current and short-, medium- and long-term effects of climate change, ensuring to the greatest possible extent that the quality of life of the people of the Marshall Islands and opportunities for sustainable development are not compromised," he said.

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The highly competitive scholarship is funded by Sophia University; the Association for Promotion of International Cooperation, a Tokyo-based private foundation; and the Micronesia Conservation Trust's Bill Raynor Micronesia Challenge Scholarship.

APIC, Sophia University, and MCT partner to select current professionals from the Micronesia region to pursue graduate level degrees. Sophia University has committed to providing full tuition scholarships, APIC covers travel, room and board and a monthly allowance, and MCT, through the Bill Raynor Micronesia Challenge Scholarship Fund, covers the cost of internships for the scholars, which includes costs for students to return home during their breaks to work with their host institutions and mentors.

The scholarship aims to produce professionals who contribute to the development of effective conservation of Micronesia's biodiversity, climate change adaptation and mitigation, among other environmental issues contributing to the promotion of sustainable livelihoods across the region. The scholars focus on developing leadership and technical skills and/or majors that enhance their ability to carry out work in conservation, climate adaptation and sustainable development in Micronesia. So far, all the student scholars have returned to their home countries and assumed leading positions in the workforce. ***(PR)***

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**CUC-RFP-22-035**

**FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022, 2023 & 2024**

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) requires the services of a U.S. Certified Public Accounting Firm/Individual with knowledge, skill, and experience in auditing (1) financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and auditing standards of the U.S. and; (2) federal awards programs in accordance with the Single Audit Act and U.S. Office of Management and Budget requisites.

- Provide assistance to the CUC management with the preparation of the annual financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America
- Ensure that the financial statements and auditor's reports also meet any specific requirements contained in agreements or other contractual requirements relative to financial statement presentation and the audits.
- Submit the draft financial statements and accompanying auditor's reports to CUC management no later than January 31st of each year, and issue the final reports no later than February 28th of each year.
- Provide 15 bound copies of the final financial statements and accompanying auditor's report
- Provide an electronic copy (e.g., .pdf format) of the final report to the CUC.

Auditors are responsible to review the 2022, 2023 & 2024 financial statements to include the physical CUC assets for each fiscal year.

The RFP package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 for one RFP package set.

**One (1) original and five (5) hard copies**, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked ***"CUC-RFP-22-035, Financial and Compliance Audit for Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2022, 2023 & 2024"*** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **August 3, 2022 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Submissions, in PDF, must also be emailed to the addresses as noted in the RFP. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on July 20, 2022** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Greg Cruz, CUC Chief Financial Officer, via email address greg.cruz@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, CUC Senior Purchasing Technician via email address christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

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**COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**
**NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST A RELEASE OF FUNDS**
**07/07/2022**

Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Northern Marianas Housing Corporation
Saipan, MP 96950 Tel: (670) 234-9447/6866

This notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or after July 22, 2022, the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington D.C., for the release of Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act, 2019 P.L. 116-20, enacted on January 27, 2020, announced via Federal Register Notice, to undertake the following activity and purposes in Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands:

| Project/Activity Type | Purpose | Location | Total Project Cost |
|---|---|---|---|
| Department of Public Works Route 205 and 206 Road and Drainage | Road and Drainage Improvement Project | Route 205 and Route 206, Tinian | Approximately $2,480,520.00 |

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands has determined that the above-listed projects will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) and is ready for public viewing on the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) website at www.nmhcgov.net or www.cnmi-cdbgdr.com; or you may visit the on file at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan or NMHC CDBG-DR Office in Beach Road Chalan Laulau, Saipan during regular work hours, Monday through Friday except CNMI Holidays, from 7:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation. You may submit comments from the following options: Via mail to P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950; Direct delivery to the NMHC central office in Garapan, Saipan or drop-box located in front of the building; and via email at nmhc@nmhc.gov.mp. All comments received by July 22, 2022, 4:30 p.m., will be considered by the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands certifies to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Washington D.C. that the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Governor Ralph DLG. Torres consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Washington D.C. acceptance of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and related laws and authorities, and allows the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands to use Program Funds.

OBJECTION TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Washington D.C. will accept objections to its release of funds and the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands certification for a period of fifteen days following anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands; (b) the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has incurred cost not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of the release of funds by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures of 24 CFR Part 58 and shall be addressed to Ms. Tennille Smith Parker, DRSI Division Director, HUD, via email at Tennille.S.Parker@hud.gov ; Tel: (202)402-4649. Potential objectors should contact the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

**/s/**
**Ralph DLG Torres**
**Governor, CNMI**

# Opinion

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## Highland Park mass shooting a horrific stain on the Fourth of July

A year from now, the good people of Highland Park will be wondering whether to hold a parade.

There will be a school of thought believing the town must get back to something approaching Independence Day normalcy, if only for the sake of its children; others will worry that a parade will trigger the trauma of 2022, when a hidden assailant fired his assault-style rifle in the direction of grandparents and kids, community stalwarts and hardworking parents. He killed six and sent 30 more to hospitals that were expecting nothing more of the day than a few minor injuries from fireworks.

There will be kids who remember the sounds and the fears and who won't want to go next year. Mothers will fear copycats. There will be public officials determined to not let evil win and those who won't want to retraumatize the town.

And these worries won't be confined to Highland Park. Public safety officials in neighboring towns will start to worry not about which new squad car or ambulance to put in the parade—a time-honored July Fourth concern—but whether there is a vantage point for a shooter in one of the tall buildings in communities that have almost no tall buildings, but rather homes, parks, low-rise apartment buildings and quiet-loving families, not a few of whom had moved there to escape the cacophony of the big city of their youth.

This is what, according to authorities, one cowardly young man, the scion of a well-known and now stained Highland Park family, wrought with the aid of his high-powered weapon.

Little yet is known of the shooter's motivation, but Americans have by now seen enough to know that these disillusioned, nihilistic killers often want to go for maximum shock value, be that an elementary school in Texas or a small-town celebration on an iconic day on the calendar, when people's guards are down. The scale of the horror clearly is part of the symbolic weight of their heinous acts. In an era obsessed with personal narratives, they want the internet to blow up over what they've done. It feels as if they want the most brutal kind of revenge for their own inadequacies.

Do we have to live like this?

Once Highland Park has mourned its dead and tended to its wounded, that's really the only salient question. Do we?

As we wave at marching bands, are we all supposed to keep watching our backs and looking for a dumpster as a place where we might hide our children if shots ring out?

Are security forces going to have to sweep every building as if the parade were a presidential walkabout, bankrupting the public safety budget? Is this where we have arrived, together? Do we no longer believe there is an alternative?

Clearly, easy access to the kind of high-powered weap-

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WE CAN GET BACK TO WORK...
BEGGING SAUDI ARABIA FOR OIL...
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## Will 2022 turn the clock back to America before 1964?

**By ROBERT S. MCELVAINE**
Los Angeles Times

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"The United States is now at one of those historic forks in the road whose outcome will prove as fateful as those of the 1860s, the 1930s, and the 1960s," Nancy MacLean wrote in her 2017 book, "Democracy in Chains."

History is punctuated by discontinuities that alter its trajectory. The key to the occurrence of such watershed moments is less the leaders than a sociopolitical environment that is receptive to change.

The current inflection point has become much more apparent over the past five years—and especially in the last few weeks. The United States in 2022 is at a crossroads and the direction taken will likely determine whether the experiment in democracy launched in 1776 will survive. One of the forks before us leads to autocracy, kleptocracy, plutocracy, renewed subordination of women and people of color, and to a time before the dramatic progress that began in 1964. The other points toward a reignition of the spirit that temporarily prevailed in the mid-1960s.

When he took office, President Joe Biden set an ambitious agenda for an activist government, proposing greatly expanded programs that would build a more racially and economically just society. Some say it was an agenda not seen since the Johnson administration.

Johnson's vision and ability to get things done in Congress were clearly important in the change that occurred in 1964, but more essential was that Johnson found himself in an environment where progressive approaches were possible.

That is apparent in the dramatic cultural change that took place during the same period.

In January 1964, Bob Dylan's third album, "The Times They Are a-Changin'," was released. Johnson's declaration of a war on poverty in his State of the Union address that month and Dylan's title song were, while different in tone and approach, parallel in the thrust of how they viewed the times.

When Dylan sang about the chance not coming again and the loser would later win, he could have been channeling the new president. Dylan and Johnson—the poet and the president—almost seemed to be singing a duet. This synchronicity was, of course, unplanned. And one of the things in the air in 1964 was a desire to expand freedom and improve the conditions of society's "losers."

Dramatic changes would keep coming at a furious pace over the ensuing months into 1965. The result was a nation reshaped politically, socially, racially, economically, and sexually—and one that became a full democracy for the first time.

The enthusiasm with which many Americans greeted Johnson's calls for fundamental change indicates that he, like Dylan, was voicing sentiments that were in the zeitgeist.

Today, the right-wing extremists who have hijacked the Republican party are determined to reverse all that progress. Their chances for success depend to a substantial degree on what the zeitgeist of 2022 is.

Authoritarianism has been spreading. Sinister promoters of white supremacy and opponents of democracy control the leading cable news network and dominate one of the two major parties. Political violence has come to be accepted by a sizeable fraction of those who identify with that party. The Texas Republican Party has just adopted an extremist platform that calls for—among other reversals of the modern world—abolishing the income tax, putting into law that life begins at conception, requiring that lies be taught as history, idolizing the traitors who fought the United States to maintain the "right" to enslave human beings, prohibiting any gun safety laws.

The historian Heather Cox Richardson reminds us that there is nothing new about American politicians and con men using lies about the "great replacement theory" to spread fear and gain power for themselves.

The freedoms fought for and expanded in the 1960s changed America permanently, and going back is unimaginable. Even now, the extremism of the Supreme Court in denying women control over their own bodies and the eagerness of many Republicans to demolish LGBTQ+ rights and innumerable other freedoms are producing a resurgence of activism.

Perhaps the mounting evidence—most compellingly from the Tuesday testimony of Cassidy Hutchinson at the Jan. 6 hearings—that Donald Trump was determined to overturn a democratic election result, through violence if nothing else worked, will diminish the attractiveness of authoritarianism.

The zeitgeist of 1964 was freedom, and a substantial majority of Americans embraced it as a path to a better future, out of a past built on racism and oppression. The American soul stands at a crossroads now—whether to reaffirm that legacy or repudiate it.

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# My family and I cheered at the Highland Park parade. Then gun violence shattered the joy

**By ALYSSA SMOLENSKY**
Chicago Tribune

*Alyssa Smolensky is a lifelong resident of Highland Park and is beginning a master's program in natural resources at the University of Missouri in the fall.*

To my knowledge, I have never heard a semi-automatic rifle until Monday. Such a neat, orderly sound amid the terrified screams of children and families running for their lives. My family and I were in that holiday crowd in Highland Park, desperately sprinting toward safety we were not sure existed anymore.

Somewhere nearby, there must have been the group of little kids who had been sitting on our left, and the elderly couple sitting behind us who waved as their grandchildren called out to them from a float. The faces of the young and old who had smiled and waved alongside us for the beginning of the parade were transformed into a faceless mass of chaos and terror as shots rang out all around us.

Hours earlier, when we were choosing where to sit, we had no idea that our choice would determine whether we lived or died. How could we? Our main concern was finding a nice shady spot with a good view of the parade. We even woke up early so that we could set up our chairs and still have time to go to breakfast at the diner on the corner. A diner that is now riddled with bullet holes and stained with blood.

Highland Park's Fourth of July Parade isn't the nicest out there, but I look forward to attending every year. To me, it always seemed like the perfect way to kick off our Independence Day celebration. The entire community comes together to revel in the beautiful summer weather and cheer while musicians and floats glide past us. Smiles and laughter fill the streets of downtown, and the heart of our city sparkles with the joy of its residents.

But on Monday, there were no smiles or laughter. Pain and horror have replaced any shred of joy that our community might have felt earlier that morning. For most of us, this was the worst day of our lives. For some of us, it was the last. And yet, we are far from the first who have experienced such gut-wrenching trauma. In fact, we are barely a drop in the bucket compared to the number and frequency of mass shootings happening in this country.

When is enough, enough? All around, we are surrounded by too much hate and violence. Our country is being torn apart by divisive opinions and beliefs. But the answer is not to spread violence on the streets. Getting angry and frustrated to the point of bitterness helps no one. The issues our nation is facing are far too great and numerous for any one of us to address on our own. We need each other, just as much as we need change in this country. We cannot simply continue to hate and argue with those who think differently from us. We must be able to listen and empathize with one another and remember the humanity of those we might hurt.

Because on the holiday, someone forgot our humanity, as well as their own. The crowd was full of daughters and sons, mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers; each and every person precious to someone else. The crowd was full of dreams and goals that might go unfulfilled. Futures cut short. We all just wanted to watch a parade.

Our community is far from the first to be victimized by a mass shooting. In fact, so many have come before us that most people have become desensitized to such news. We should not have to live like this. The sad truth is, we do not have to. The violence and death we witnessed Monday was entirely preventable.

Many would argue that protecting our right to bear arms is protecting our freedom as American citizens. I would argue that there is no freedom when military-type weapons can be bought and sold to people planning to open fire on crowds of children. There is no freedom when gun companies cannot be held liable for the devastation and destruction their weapons are unleashing in our communities. And there is certainly no freedom when people are shot and killed by assault-style rifles at a celebration of America and everything it represents.

As long as our streets remain a war zone, there is no freedom in America. We need to come together as a community to fight this epidemic of gun violence and ban the sale and use of these weapons. We must fight for a future in which Monday's mass shooting becomes the last. A future in which our children will never have to run from gunshots at a parade. A future in which smiles and laughter prevail, and the joy of a community survives.

I am willing to fight for that future. Are you?

# Did Trump try to grab the steering wheel? Does it matter?

**By JOHN M. CRISP**
Tribune News Service

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One of the most curious episodes to emerge from the House Jan. 6 committee hearings was described by Cassidy Hutchinson this way:

After former President Donald Trump was told by the head of his Secret Service detail, Robert Engel, that the assets to take him to join the unruly crowd at the Capitol were not available, Hutchinson says, "the president reached up towards the front of the vehicle to grab at the steering wheel, Mr. Engel grabbed his arm, said 'Sir, you need to take your hand off the steering wheel, we're going back to the West Wing, we're not going to the Capitol.' Mr. Trump then used his free hand to lunge toward Bobby Engel."

It's a strange episode. But did it really happen? And how much does it matter?

Hold those questions for a moment. First, the alleged incident provides, at the least, an occasion to consider the nature and credibility of the testimony that the Jan. 6 committee has been collecting.

It's worth noting that the committee's witnesses are testifying under oath, fully aware that conviction of lying to Congress could result in a five-year prison sentence, as well as fines. This in itself lends credibility to the witnesses. It also may help explain why other witnesses have refused to respond to requests for testimony or to subpoenas.

In the steering-wheel incident, it's also important to parse Hutchinson's testimony carefully.

Hutchinson was a top aide to Trump's chief of staff, Mark Meadows. She spent her days with Meadows, and her office in the White House was a short distance from the president's. She was in a position to see and hear a lot.

But in her testimony Hutchinson is careful to distinguish between what she saw and heard herself and what she heard from others. She was in the presidential motorcade from the Ellipse to the White House, but she was not in the car with the president.

Hutchinson's knowledge of the steering-wheel incident stems, she says, from a conversation she had with Anthony Ornato, deputy chief of staff, in the presence of Robert Engel, the head of Trump's security detail. Ornato told her about the incident, and Engel did not dispute the account.

Trump and his defenders immediately attacked Hutchinson, calling her testimony "hearsay." In evidentiary theory, hearsay has a precise meaning that is irrelevant in this case; the Jan. 6 committee hearings are not judicial proceedings. The inherent negative connotations of the term "hearsay" are simply being used to discredit Hutchinson and her testimony.

But here's an important distinction: While Hutchinson's knowledge of the steering-wheel incident is secondhand, her knowledge of the conversation that reported the incident to her is firsthand.

So did the incident really happen? After the hearing, NBC White House correspondent Peter Alexander tweeted: "A source close to the Secret Service tells me both Bobby Engel, the lead agent, and the presidential limousine/SUV driver are prepared to testify under oath that neither man was assaulted and that Mr. Trump never lunged at the steering wheel."

On the other hand, the story has the ring of truth. Trump is better known for his impulsive anger than his self-discipline and restraint. Further, if you're going to fabricate stories about Trump, why concoct one so outrageous that it beggars the imagination?

In short, we don't know if the steering-wheel incident occurred or not, nor are we likely to unless Engel and Ornato testify under oath.

Does the incident actually matter? If it's true, it's deeply troubling to picture our commander in chief losing control of his emotions and lunging at a Secret Service agent.

But the incident doesn't seem very important compared with the allegation that although Trump knew the mob was armed, he urged his angry supporters to march to the Capitol and "fight like hell." Hutchinson testifies to firsthand knowledge of this charge: She was there, she heard it, and she has asserted it under oath.

Of course, Trump may be entirely innocent. If there is exculpatory evidence, somebody—Meadows, Jim Jordan, Steve Bannon, Kevin McCarthy, even Trump himself—should provide it. Under oath.

## HIGHLAND

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ons that can kill scores of people has to be drastically curtailed. Only a fool cannot see this now, given the weight of the evidence. It takes guts to change position in the face of new proof, but being optimists, we believe some politicians are capable of that transformation. We are looking forward to the announcements and will respect them when they come.

For whatever right some believe an amendment to the Constitution grants to their purchase is in the process of shredding a yet more crucial tenet of life in the United States of America, our shared foundational right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Especially on the Fourth of July.

In Highland Park, that date brought death, confinement and the arrival of sorrow. Action is needed, far beyond the baby steps already taken in Congress.

Then there is the matter of the person behind the gun, of the likelihood of psychosis, of how a young person can become so alienated and angry that they do such a thing without anyone around them being able to anticipate the event in such a way as to stop it. Some young American men are in profound and often unspoken crisis; already, there have been media reports of the shooting suspect headed down the kind of disturbing path of videos and dark corners of the internet that is now familiar from so many previous incidents, each one building on the one that came before.

Thanks to the heroic efforts of the North Shore's police departments, the suspect was apprehended alive and without further incident. His state of mind will need to be studied so we all can learn. For the only solution here is many-pronged and requires a level of common-sense unity that this country appears to have forgotten how to come together and achieve. Instead, we rage on our laptops, even as the world marvels at this all-American nightmare ("even on their Independence Day," the BBC marveled) and our children wonder what world we have wrought for them.

For now, though, we all must cry with the people of Highland Park and note what was likely the saddest July Fourth in the history of Illinois.

May it also be the start of a new resolve.

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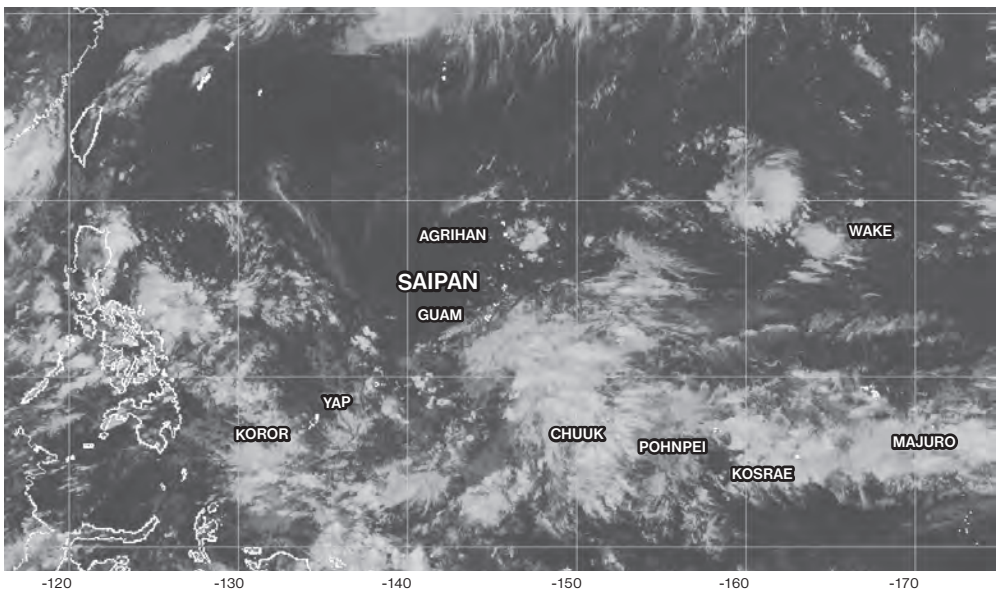
# The Weather

## 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

| TODAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY | MONDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Scattered showers. Cloudy. | Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm. Cloudy. | A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy. | Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy. | Mostly cloudy. |
| 86° 78° | 86° 77° | 87° 77° | 87° 77° | 86° 76° |

## YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE




**PICTURE TIME: 12:26 PM, WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2022**

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Early morning Doppler radar imagery shows several small showers crossing the region to the east of Guam and Rota, with showers being more isolated in nature across the Marianas. The buoys show combined seas in the 3 to 4 foot range, with a wave period of 8 seconds. The water temperature at Tanapag is 86 degrees, and 85 degrees at Ritidian and Ipan.

*Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/*

| MICRONESIA | | ▲ ▼ °F |
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| Guam and Rota | Thunderstorms | 86° / 78° |
| Palau | Thunderstorms | 85° / 78° |
| Yap | Thunderstorms | 85° / 79° |
| Chuuk | Thunderstorms | 86° / 80° |
| Pohnpei | Thunderstorms | 84° / 78° |
| Kosrae | Thunderstorms | 87° / 78° |
| Majuro | Thunderstorms | 85° / 80° |

| DAY | SUNRISE | SUNSET |
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| Today | 5:52 AM | 6:51 PM |
| Friday | 5:52 AM | 6:51 PM |
| Saturday | 5:52 AM | 6:51 PM |
| Sunday | 5:53 AM | 6:51 PM |
| Monday | 5:53 AM | 6:51 PM |

| DAY | MOONRISE | MOONSET | MOONRISE |
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| Today | 12:20 PM | - | - |
| Friday | - | 12:31 AM | 1:13 PM |
| Saturday | - | 1:12 AM | 2:09 PM |
| Sunday | - | 1:56 AM | 3:10 PM |
| Monday | - | 2:47 AM | 4:15 PM |

| AROUND THE GLOBE | | ▲ ▼ °F |
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| Auckland | Partly Cloudy | 73° / 63° |
| Beijing | Mostly Cloudy | 30° / 18° |
| Hong Kong | Cloudy | 66° / 64° |
| Honolulu | Showers | 81° / 71° |
| London | Showers | 39° / 34° |
| Los Angeles | Sunny | 82° / 51° |
| Manila | Partly Cloudy | 88° / 75° |
| Melbourne | Mostly Sunny | 82° / 59° |
| Miami | Sunny | 70° / 55° |
| New York | Mostly Sunny | 44° / 35° |
| Osaka | Mostly Cloudy | 48° / 39° |
| Paris | Showers | 43° / 34° |
| Busan | Mostly Sunny | 50° / 43° |
| Rome | Rain | 59° / 50° |
| Salem | Sunny | 56° / 38° |
| San Francisco | Sunny | 64° / 46° |
| Seoul | Sunny | 27° / 14° |
| Tokyo | Mostly Sunny | 46° / 34° |
| Washington, DC | Partly Cloudy | 46° / 34° |

| TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY | | FEET |
|---|---|---|
| 1:26 AM | High Tide | 2.06 |
| 8:07 AM | Low Tide | 0.96 |
| 1:15 PM | High Tide | 1.58 |
| 7:22 PM | Low Tide | 0.77 |

## STOP THE SPREAD

The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. continue to encourage residents within the Marianas to practice social distancing, which means avoiding close contact with people in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on to others.

■ Stay home as much as possible. Avoid unnecessary travel or public places.

■ Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10.

■ Choose drive-thru, take-out, or delivery options, or outdoor seating, if available, when dining in.

■ Send only one healthy adult from the household run necessary errands, such as getting groceries or picking up medications. Leave children, elderly, and other vulnerable people at home as much as possible. When returning home from an errand, wash your hands before doing anything else.

■ Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. People at high risk should stay at home as much as possible.

■ Create a household plan of action, https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/checklisthousehold-ready.html

■ Ensure a 30-day supply of all medicines.

**Continue good hand hygiene**

■ Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.

■ Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

**Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic**

■ Stay home when you are sick and if you recently traveled to a place with COVID-19. Self-quarantine means:

• Choosing a room in your house that can be used to separate sick household members from others.

• Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

• Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

• Limiting visitors

CHCC appreciates the patience and understanding of the community at this time. To obtain general information about the CNMI COVID-19 response, contact the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force Hotline at 287-0046, 287-0489, 287-1089. These numbers are available Monday to Sunday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For medical information about COVID-19, reach out to the COVID-19 Infoline at the following numbers: 285-1672/1352. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For mental health support and helpful tips during a crisis, call the Mental Health Support Line at 285-1856, 323-6560, 323-6561 These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30 pm. For the 24/7 Disaster Distress Helpline, call SAMSHA at 1-800-985-5990.

For more information about DIY face coverings, visit https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html

For more information about CHCC programs, follow CHCC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at www.chcc.gov.mp or call us at (670) 234-8950.

For more information on the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, visit www.governor.gov.mpand, follow @GovernorCNMI on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

This health advisory may be found online at http://www.chcc.gov.mp/pressrelease.html and at www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19.

**Rumor control**

During crises like this, oftentimes the spread of misinformation is just as dangerous as the virus itself. The CNMI is reminded to only share official and verified notices, press releases, and advisories from the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC.

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## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JULY 1, 2022

### DEPARTURES

**SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA117 | 9:50AM | 10:30AM | Daily |
| UA156 | 6:30PM | 7:15PM | 6 |

**GUAM-MANILA (MNL)**

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|---|---|---|---|
| PR 111 | 6:00AM | 8:00AM | Daily |
| UA193 | 7:05PM | 10:55PM | 5 via Palau |
| UA183 | 7:10PM | 9:10PM | Daily |

**SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)**

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|---|---|---|---|
| UA117/183 | 9:50AM | 9:10PM | Daily via Guam |
| UA117/193 | 9:50AM | 10:55PM | 5 via Guam, Palau |

**SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)**

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|---|---|---|---|
| TW9308 | 3:30PM | 7:20PM | 3, 4, 6, 7 |
| 7C3405 | 3:30PM | 7:25PM | 4, 6 |
| RS112 | 3:45PM | 7:30PM | 3, 6 up to July 2 only |
| 7C3405 | 3:50PM | 7:45PM | 3, 7 |
| OZ624 | 4:00PM | 7:40PM | 3, 6 |

**SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)**

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|---|---|---|---|
| BX621 | 3:10PM | 6:30PM | 3, 7 |

### ARRIVALS

**GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN**

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|---|---|---|---|
| UA174 | 8:00AM | 8:45AM | Daily |
| UA112 | 4:40PM | 5:30PM | 6 |

**MANILA (MNL)-GUAM**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| PR110 | 10:00PM | 4:00AM+1 | Daily |
| UA184 | 10:25PM | 4:25AM+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 |
| UA192 | 10:25PM | 6:15AM+1 | 5 via Palau |
| UA184 | 11:50PM | 5:40AM+1 | 5 |

**MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN**

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|---|---|---|---|
| UA184/174 | 10:25PM | 8:45AM+1 | 1,2,3, 4, 6,7 via Guam |
| UA192/174 | 10:25PM | 8:45AM+1 | 5 via Palau, Guam |
| UA184/174 | 11:50PM | 8:45AM+1 | 5 via Guam |

**INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN**

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|---|---|---|---|
| 7C3406 | 8:30AM | 2:10PM | 4, 6, 7 |
| RS111 | 8:45AM | 2:05PM | 3, 6 up to July 2 only |
| 7C3406 | 8:50AM | 2:30PM | 3 |
| TW9307 | 9:00AM | 2:30PM | 4, 6, 7 |
| OZ623 | 9:00AM | 2:30PM | 3, 6 |
| TW9307 | 9:15AM | 2:30PM | 3 |

**BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN**

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| BX621 | 8:00AM | 1:10PM | 3, 7 |

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### FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 1, 2022

**SAIPAN TO ROTA**

| FLIGHT # | FROM | TO | DEPARTS | ARRIVES | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1301 | SAIPAN | ROTA | 8:30 | 9:00 | Daily |
| 1302 | SAIPAN | ROTA | 11:00 | 11:30 | Mon/Wed/Fri |
| 1302 | SAIPAN | ROTA | 12:00 | 12:30 | Tues/Thurs/Sat/Sun |
| 1303 | SAIPAN | ROTA | 15:30 | 16:00 | Daily |

**ROTA TO SAIPAN**

| FLIGHT # | FROM | TO | DEPARTS | ARRIVES | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3101 | ROTA | SAIPAN | 9:30 | 10:00 | Daily |
| 3102 | ROTA | SAIPAN | 13:00 | 13:30 | Tues/Thurs/Sat/Sun |
| 3102 | ROTA | SAIPAN | 14:00 | 14:30 | Mon/Wed/Fri |
| 3103 | ROTA | SAIPAN | 16:30 | 17:00 | Daily |

**ROTA TO GUAM**

| LIGHT # | FROM | TO | DEPARTS | ARRIVES | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3401 | ROTA | GUAM | 12:00 | 12:30 | Mon/Wed/Fri |

**GUAM TO ROTA**

| FLIGHT # | FROM | TO | DEPARTS | ARRIVES | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4301 | GUAM | ROTA | 13:00 | 13:30 | Mon/Wed/Fri |

**SAIPAN TO TINIAN**

| FLIGHT # | FROM | TO | DEPARTS | ARRIVES | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1202 | SAIPAN | TINIAN | 8:00 | 8:15 | Daily |
| 1203 | SAIPAN | TINIAN | 9:00 | 9:15 | Daily |
| 1204 | SAIPAN | TINIAN | 10:00 | 10:15 | Daily |
| 1208 | SAIPAN | TINIAN | 14:00 | 14:15 | Daily |
| 1209 | SAIPAN | TINIAN | 15:00 | 15:15 | Daily |
| 1210 | SAIPAN | TINIAN | 16:00 | 16:15 | Daily |
| 1211 | SAIPAN | TINIAN | 17:00 | 17:15 | Daily |

**TINIAN TO SAIPAN**

| FLIGHT # | FROM | TO | DEPARTS | ARRIVES | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2102 | TINIAN | SAIPAN | 8:30 | 8:45 | Daily |
| 2103 | TINIAN | SAIPAN | 9:30 | 9:45 | Daily |
| 2104 | TINIAN | SAIPAN | 10:30 | 10:45 | Daily |
| 2108 | TINIAN | SAIPAN | 14:30 | 14:45 | Daily |
| 2109 | TINIAN | SAIPAN | 15:30 | 15:45 | Daily |
| 2110 | TINIAN | SAIPAN | 16:30 | 16:45 | Daily |
| 2111 | TINIAN | SAIPAN | 17:30 | 17:45 | Daily |

# Business

## MILLENNIAL MONEY: What if you can't 'out-budget' inflation?

By LAURA MCMULLEN
NERDWALLET

AP

In this June 15, 2018 file photo, twenty dollar bills are counted in North Andover, Mass. Rising prices can feel impossible to manage if money is already tight. To stay afloat, prioritize essential expenses that enable you to live and work.

Inflation is a nightmare for the many Americans who already stretch their dollars to cover basic needs. What happens when those dollars lose value?

Their choice is probably not about whether to cut streaming services or opt for store-brand groceries. Instead, they may have to pick between buying enough food and paying rent.

The families hit hardest by inflation typically have little in savings and other resources. And that lack of access to wealth can be rooted in a history of inequality, says Phuong Luong, a Massachusetts-based certified financial planner and founder of Just Wealth, a financial education and consulting firm.

For example, say generations of your family have been underpaid or limited in where they can live, due in part to racist policies. Then inflation causes everything to become more expensive.

You may have to scrape together cash to support not just yourself, but also family or community members. Perhaps you have to spend money and time traveling across town to the grocery store or doctor's office.

"Your proximity to people with resources and people with wealth is going to be different depending on where you live and who you are," Luong says. "There's a larger context than just expenses and budgeting."

Whatever context describes your situation, here's how to combat inflation if money is already tight.

### PRIORITIZE ESSENTIALS

Aim to pay for expenses that enable you to live safely: housing (mortgage or rent), utilities and food. Also try to cover costs that help you work, such as transportation, cell phone and child care.

Next-level priorities are those that trigger major consequences if you don't pay: taxes, child support and insurance.

For credit cards, aim to pay your minimum at least, because you may need that credit access.

### TAP LOCAL RESOURCES

If you're struggling to pay bills, find support. Luong suggests Findhelp.org, which lists local programs designed to cut costs across many categories.

Calling 211 or visiting 211.org can also help you find assistance related to housing, health, food and emergency costs.

### PICK UP THE PHONE

You may also save money by calling credit card and insurance companies, lenders, banks, cell phone providers and other businesses you pay.

With the pandemic affecting so many consumers, these companies "are a little more empathetic than they have been," says Emlen Miles-Mattingly, co-founder of Onyx Advisor Network, a Sacramento, California-based support platform for underrepresented financial advisors.

They may pause or lower payments, for example, or forgive overdue bills. Or they could lower your interest rate.

But you have to ask. And often a patient phone call with customer service yields quicker, more effective results than an email or online form.

### CONNECT WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

To overcome financial struggles, "community is going to be major," says Dasha Kennedy, Atlanta-based financial activist and founder of The Broke Black Girl Facebook community.

Leaning on—or supporting—your family members, friends and neighbors can take many forms. For example, Kennedy points out how temporarily living with others can lower housing expenses. Or you can pool resources by sharing a vehicle or splitting a large expense.

To connect with supportive locals you've yet to meet, look to libraries, religious organizations and recreation centers. Or use virtual platforms like Facebook and Nextdoor.

In these in-person and online spaces, you may find free or inexpensive goods and services. Maybe someone will give away secondhand clothes or walk your dog while you work.

Or seek guidance. Your neighbors may point you toward free, nearby health resources, for example, or describe what's helped them stretch their money.

### PROFIT FROM YOUR SKILLS

Of course, making more money helps, too. If you're already working, Kennedy recommends first trying to increase earnings through your employer. Consider working overtime or negotiating raises and role changes, she says.

Or explore side work—with caution. Plenty of online gigs could waste your time, take your money or misuse your personal information.

"It's high time for frauds and scams," Kennedy says. Trust your gut, and read reviews. Also check the Federal Trade Commission and Better Business Bureau websites for tips to avoid scams.

The most effective way to make money? "Monetize skills you already have," Kennedy says. These could include anything from cleaning and organizing to writing and designing.

Assuming you start without clients, she suggests tapping your community once again.

"You may not have the time to build trust and reputation, so you're going to have to rely on personal relationships," she says. Ask friends, neighbors and family members to promote and vouch for you.

### MIND YOUR MENTAL HEALTH

Money struggles are exhausting. So regularly "connect with yourself," Miles-Mattingly says. Identify what makes you feel better, whether it's walking outside, calling a friend, meditating or reading.

If time is tight, make your activity quick, and consider Miles-Mattingly's point: "People, when stressed, don't have the best decision-making abilities." And hard times mean hard decisions. It pays to feel centered before negotiating a lower bill or agreeing to a side job.

To avoid feeling overwhelmed during times of financial stress, Kennedy tries not to overthink the unpredictable future. Instead, she suggests "focusing on getting through the day."

## Many won't rely on virtual options after COVID wanes: AP-NORC poll

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Many Americans don't expect to rely on the digital services that became commonplace during the pandemic after COVID-19 subsides, according to a new poll, even as many think it's a good thing if those options remain available in the future.

Close to half or more of U.S. adults say they are not likely to attend virtual activities, receive virtual health care, have groceries delivered or use curbside pickup after the coronavirus pandemic is over, according to a poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. Less than 3 in 10 say they're very likely to use any of those options at least some of the time.

Still, close to half also say it would be a good thing if virtual options for health care, for community events and for activities like fitness classes or religious services continue after the pandemic.

"Rather than this either-or, I think we're more likely to be facing a hybrid future," said Donna Hoffman, director of the Center for the Connected Consumer at the George Washington School of Business. "People have found convenience in some of these virtual options that just makes sense, and they don't necessarily have anything to do with like keeping you safe or the pandemic even though they came of age during the pandemic."

Digital daily routines became the default in 2020 as the nation reacted to the rapidly spreading virus, which prompted lockdowns, closed schools and shuttered businesses. Some substitutions, like online shopping and video conference calling, already existed. Others were reimagined or popularized during the pandemic.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### West Coast dockworkers still talking after contract expires

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—A contract between shipping companies and 22,000 West Coast dockworkers expired over the weekend. But both sides continued to talk and said they want to avoid a strike that could savage an economy already stressed by soaring inflation and supply chain woes. The contract that expired last Friday covered workers at ports from California to Washington state that handle nearly 40% of U.S. imports. "While there will be no contract extension, cargo will keep moving, and normal operations will continue at the ports until an agreement can be reached," said a joint statement from the Pacific Maritime Association and the International Longshore and Warehouse Union. The ILWU is the union representing Pacific dockworkers, and the Pacific Maritime Association is a trade group for cargo carriers and terminal operators. Its members include such global shipping giants as Maersk and Evergreen Marine.

### FDA temporarily suspends order banning Juul cigarettes

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—The Food and Drug Administration issued an administrative stay Tuesday on the order it issued last month for vaping company Juul to pull its electronic cigarettes from the market. The agency said on Twitter that the stay temporarily suspends the marketing denial order while it conducts further review, but does not rescind it. The FDA issued the initial order banning Juul sales on June 23. A day later, a federal appeals court temporarily blocked the government ban. The initial FDA action was part of a sweeping effort by the agency to bring scientific scrutiny to the multibillion-dollar vaping industry after years of regulatory delays. To stay on the market, companies must show that their e-cigarettes benefit public health. In practice, that means proving that adult smokers who use them are likely to quit or reduce their smoking, while teens are unlikely to get hooked on them. The FDA originally said Juul's application left regulators with significant questions and didn't include enough information to evaluate any potential health risks. Juul said it submitted enough information and data to address all issues raised.

### G-20 meeting may lead to wider divisions over war in Ukraine

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Foreign ministers from the world's largest nations are looking to address the war in Ukraine and its impact on global energy and food security when they meet in Indonesia this week. Yet instead of providing unity, the talks may well exacerbate existing divides over the Ukraine conflict. U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi are set to attend the Group of 20 meeting in the Indonesian resort of Bali, which will set the stage for a summit of G-20 leaders at the same venue in November. It will mark the first time Blinken and Lavrov have been in the same room, let alone the same city, since January. There's no indication the two will meet separately, but even without a one-on-one with Lavrov, Blinken could find himself in some difficult discussions. The State Department announced Tuesday that Blinken will hold separate talks with Wang at a time when already extremely tense U.S.-China relations have been worsened by Beijing's friendly ties with Moscow.

# Nation

# Parade shooting suspect bought 5 weapons despite threats

**HIGHLAND PARK, Ill.** (AP)—A man charged Tuesday with seven counts of murder after firing off more than 70 rounds at an Independence Day parade in suburban Chicago legally bought five weapons, including the high-powered rifle used in the shooting, despite authorities being called to his home twice in 2019 for threats of violence and suicide, police said.

Lake County State's Attorney Eric Rinehart said the suspect, if convicted of the first-degree murder charges, would receive a mandatory life sentence without the possibility of parole. He promised that dozens more charges would be sought.

A spokesman for the Lake County Major Crime Task Force said the suspected shooter, who was arrested late Monday, used a rifle "similar to an AR-15" to spray more than 70 rounds from atop a commercial building into a crowd that had gathered for the parade in Highland Park, an affluent community of about 30,000 on the Lake Michigan shore.

A seventh victim died of their injuries Tuesday. More than three dozen other people were wounded in the attack, which Task force spokesman Christopher Covelli said the suspect had planned for several weeks.

The assault happened less than three years after police went to the suspect's home following a call from a family member who said he was threatening "to kill everyone" there. Covelli said police confiscated 16 knives, a dagger and a sword, but said there was no sign he had any guns at the time, in September 2019.

AP

A flag hangs at half staff as members of the FBI's Evidence Response Team Unit investigate in downtown Highland Park, Ill., the day after a deadly mass shooting on Tuesday, July 5, 2022.

Police in April 2019 also responded to a reported suicide attempt by the suspect, Covelli said.

The suspect legally purchased the rifle used in the attack in Illinois within the past year, Covelli said. In all, police said, he purchased five firearms, which were recovered by officers at his father's home.

The revelation about his gun purchases is just the latest example of y oung men who were able to obtain guns and carry out massacres in recent months despite glaring warning signs about their mental health and inclination to violence.

Illinois state police, who issue gun owners' licenses, said the gunman applied for a license in December 2019, when he was 19. His father sponsored his application.

At the time "there was insufficient basis to establish a clear and present danger" and deny the application, state police said in a statement.

Investigators who have interrogated the suspect and reviewed his social media posts have not determined a motive or found any indication that he targeted victims by race, religion or other protected status, Covelli said.

Earlier in the day, FBI agents peeked into trash cans and under picnic blankets as they searched for more evidence at the scene. The shots were initially mistaken for fireworks before hundreds of revelers fled in terror.

A day later, baby strollers, lawn chairs and other items left behind by panicked parade goers remained inside a wide police perimeter. Outside the police tape, some residents drove up to collect blankets and chairs they abandoned.

David Shapiro, 47, said the gunfire quickly turned the parade into "chaos."

"People didn't know right away where the gunfire was coming from, whether the gunman was in front or behind you chasing you," he said Tuesday as he retrieved a stroller and lawn chairs.

The gunman initially evaded capture by dressing as a woman and blending into the fleeing crowd, Covelli said.

The shooting was just the latest to shatter the rituals of American life. Schools, churches, grocery stores and now community parades have all become killing grounds in recent months. This time, the bloodshed came as the nation tried to celebrate its founding and the bonds that still hold it together.

A police officer pulled over 21-year-old Robert E. Crimo III north of the shooting scene several hours after police released his photo and warned that he was likely armed and dangerous, Highland Park Police Chief Lou Jogmen said.

His father, Bob, a longtime deli owner, ran for mayor in 2019. The candidate who won that race, current Highland Park Mayor Nancy Rotering, said she knew Crimo as a boy in Cub Scouts.

"And it's one of those things where you step back and you say, 'What happened?" Rotering told NBC's "Today" show. "How did somebody become this angry, this hateful, to then take it out on innocent people who literally were just having a family day out?"

Crimo's attorney, Thomas A. Durkin, a prominent Chicago-based lawyer, said he intends to enter a not guilty plea to all charges.

Asked about his client's emotional state, Durkin said he has spoken to Crimo only once—for 10 minutes by phone. He declined to comment further.

Steve Greenberg, the lawyer for the parents, told The Associated Press Tuesday evening the parents aren't concerned about being charged with anything related to their son's case.

"There is zero chance they will be charged with anything criminal," he said. "They didn't do anything wrong. They are as stunned and shocked as anyone."

The shooting occurred at a spot on the parade route where many residents had staked out prime viewing points early in the day.

Among them was Nicolas Toledo, who was visiting his family in Illinois from Mexico, and Jacki Sundheim, a lifelong congregant and staff member at nearby North Shore Congregation Israel. The Lake County coroner released the names of four other victims.

# Parents of boy, 2, found alone at parade shooting among dead

By GRANT SCHULTE, CLAIRE SAVAGE and HARM VENHUIZEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Aiden McCarthy's photo was shared across Chicago-area social media groups in the hours after the July 4 parade shooting in Highland Park, accompanied by pleas to help identify the 2-year-old who had been found at the scene bloodied and alone and to reunite him with his family.

On Tuesday, friends and authorities confirmed that the boy's parents, Kevin McCarthy, 37, and Irina McCarthy, 35, were among seven people killed in the tragedy.

"At two years old, Aiden is left in the unthinkable position; to grow up without his parents," wrote Irina Colon on a GoFundMe account she created for the family and Aiden, who was reunited with his grandparents Monday evening.

Friends of the McCarthys said Irina's parents would care for the boy going forward.

Four of other others who were killed were identified Tuesday as Katherine Goldstein, 64; Jacquelyn Sundheim, 63; Stephen Straus, 88; and Nicolas Toledo-Zaragoza, 78. Every victim was from Highland Park except for Toledo-Zaragoza, who was visiting family in the city from Morelos, Mexico.

Officials haven't yet identified the seventh victim.

Portraits of some of those who died began to emerge Tuesday as investigators continued to search for evidence in the shooting that killed at least seven and wounded 30.

Irina McCarthy's childhood friend, Angela Vella, described McCarthy as fun, personable and "somewhat of a tomboy" who still liked to dress up nicely.

"She definitely had her own style, which I always admired," Vella said in a short interview.

Straus, a Chicago financial adviser, was one of the first observers at the parade and attended it every year, his grandchildren said.

Brothers Maxwell and Tobias Straus described their grandfather as a kind and active man who loved walking, biking and attending community events.

"The way he lived life, you'd think he was still middle-aged," Maxwell Straus said in an interview.

The two brothers recalled Sunday night dinners with their grandparents as a favorite tradition. They said they ate with him the night before he was killed.

"America's gun culture is killing grandparents," said Maxwell Straus. "It's very just terrible."

Sundheim, meanwhile, was regaled as a lifelong congregant and "beloved" staff member at North Shore Congregation Israel, where she had worked for decades, the Reform synagogue said on its website. Sundheim taught at the synagogue's preschool and coordinated events including bar and bat mitzvah ceremonies.

"Jacki's work, kindness and warmth touched us all," synagogue leaders wrote in a message on their website. "There are no words sufficient to express the depth of our grief for Jacki's death and sympathy for her family and loved ones."

Toledo-Zaragoza was killed on what his 23-year-old granddaughter, Xochil Toledo, said was supposed to be a "fun family day" that "turned into a horrific nightmare for us all."

On a GoFundMe page to raise money for Toledo's funeral expenses, Xochil Toledo said her grandfather was a "loving man, creative, adventurous and funny."

"As a family we are broken, numb," she said.

Toledo-Zaragoza had come to Illinois to visit his family about two months ago, according to the Chicago Sun-Times. His family wanted him to stay permanently because of injuries he had suffered after being hit by a car a couple years ago during an earlier visit to Highland Park. The newspaper reported that he was hit by three bullets Monday and died at the scene.

He wasn't sure he wanted to attend the parade because of the large crowds and his limited mobility, which required him to use a walker, but Xochil Toledo said the family didn't want to leave him alone.

Katherine Goldstein's husband described her as an easy-going travel companion who was always game to visit far-flung locales.

# Asia

## Alleged China police data hack leaks info of 1 billion

**HONG KONG** (AP)—Hackers claim to have obtained a trove of data on 1 billion Chinese from a Shanghai police database in a leak that, if confirmed, could be one of the largest data breaches in history.

In a post on the online hacking forum Breach Forums last week, someone using the handle "ChinaDan" offered to sell nearly 24 terabytes (24 TB) of data including what they claimed was information on 1 billion people and "several billion case records" for 10 Bitcoin, worth about $200,000.

The data purportedly includes information from the Shanghai National Police database including names, addresses, national identification numbers and mobile phone numbers as well as case details.

A sample of data seen by The Associated Press listed names, birthdates, ages and mobile numbers. One person was listed as having been born in "2020," with their age listed as "1," suggesting that information on minors was included in the data obtained in the breach.

The Associated Press could not immediately verify the authenticity of the data samples. Shanghai police did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The data leak initially sparked discussion on Chinese social media platforms such as Weibo, but censors have since moved to block keyword searches for "Shanghai data leak."

One person said they were skeptical until they managed to verify some of the personal data leaked online by attempting to search for people on Alipay using their personal information.

"Everyone, please be careful in case there are more phone scams in the future!" they said in a Weibo post.

Another person commented on Weibo that the leak means everyone is "running naked"—slang used to refer to a lack of privacy—and it's "horrifying."

Experts said the breach, if confirmed, would be the biggest in history.

Kendra Schaefer, a partner for technology at policy research firm Trivium China, said in a tweet that it's "hard to parse truth from the rumor mill, but can confirm file exists."

Such data leaks are fairly common, according to Michael Gazeley, managing director at Hong Kong-based security firm Network Box.

## Sydney rain eases; homes of 85,000 people at risk

**SYDNEY** (AP)—Floodwaters had inundated or were threatening the homes of 85,000 people around Sydney on Wednesday as rivers started to recede and the heavy rains tracked north of Australia's largest city.

While rain was easing across Sydney, several waterways including the Hawkesbury-Nepean rivers system on Sydney's northern and western fringes remained at major flood levels, Emergency Services Minister Steph Cooke said.

Emergency responders knocked on doors overnight in the towns of Singleton and Muswellbrook, in the Hunter Valley north of Sydney, to order residents to evacuate, she said.

"For many, it has been a sleepless night," Cooke said.

Evacuation orders and official warnings to prepare to abandon homes were given to 85,000 people by Wednesday, up from 50,000 on Tuesday, New South Wales state Premier Dominic Perrottet said.

On the fifth day of the flood emergency, Perrottet warned that homes that remained dry during previous floods could be inundated this week.

"This event is far from over. Please don't have that past experience inform your current behavior," Perrottet said.

Federal funding would be available to flood victims from Thursday, less than two days after a disaster was declared in 23 local government areas, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said.

"This is, I believe, the quickest that these payments have ever been approved," Albanese said.

Albanese said the fourth major flood event across Sydney and its surrounds since March last year that followed devastating wildfires in the same region during the 2019-2020 Southern Hemisphere summer were evidence of the need for climate action.

"We are looking at long-term solutions. My government has changed Australia's position on climate change from day one," he said.

## Rebel land mine wounds 7 soldiers in Philippines

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—A land mine set by suspected communist guerrillas wounded seven soldiers in the central Philippines on Tuesday, in one of the insurgents' first known attacks since President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. took office last week.

Army troops were checking reports from villagers of anti-personnel mines laid by rebels from the New People's Army, the Communist Party of the Philippines' armed wing, along a village trail in Mapanas town in Northern Samar province when an explosion wounded the seven soldiers, regional army commander Maj. Gen. Edgardo de Leon said.

Two of the wounded soldiers were in critical condition, he said, adding that no villagers were injured.

"Some of the soldiers were tossed away because the rebels have been using really powerful land mines," de Leon said.

The government will file criminal complaints against rebel leaders for the attack and the use of internationally banned types of land mines, de Leon told reporters.

The soldiers were not able to open fire at the rebels, who fled after the attack and were being hunted by government forces, he said.

On Friday, a day after Marcos Jr. was sworn in after winning a landslide victory in a May 9 election, government troops assaulted eight communist rebels, killing one, in a brief gunbattle in central Negros Oriental province, the army said.

Marcos Jr. must deal with decades-long communist and Muslim insurgencies, along with longstanding territorial disputes with China and other claimants in the South China Sea.

During the campaign, he said he would pursue peace talks with communist insurgents and expressed support for a government task force established under his predecessor, Rodrigo Duterte, to fight the insurgency by bringing infrastructure, housing and livelihood projects to the poverty-stricken countryside.

# World

## Ukrainian governor urges the evacuation of 350K residents

AP

Ukrainian servicemen strengthen trenches on their position near the frontline in Kharkiv region, Ukraine, Tuesday, July, 5, 2022.

**KRAMATORSK, Ukraine** (AP)—The governor of the last remaining eastern province partly under Ukraine's control urged his more than 350,000 residents to flee as Russia escalated its offensive and air alerts were issued across nearly the entire country.

Gov. Pavlo Kyrylenko said that getting people out of Donetsk province is necessary to save lives and enable the Ukrainian army better to defend towns from the Russian advance.

"The destiny of the whole country will be decided by the Donetsk region," Kyrylenko told reporters in Kramatrosk, the province's administrative center and home to the Ukrainian military's regional headquarters.

"Once there are less people, we will be able to concentrate more on our enemy and perform our main tasks," Kyrylenko said.

The governor's call for residents to leave appeared to represent one of the biggest suggested evacuations of the war, although it's unclear whether people will be willing and safely able to flee. According to the U.N. refugee agency, more than 7.1 million Ukrainians are estimated to be displaced within Ukraine, and more than 4.8 million refugees left the country since Russia's invasion started Feb. 24.

Ukrainian President Volodymr Zelenskyy said air alerts were issued Tuesday night in nearly all of the country, in many places after a long period of relative calm during which people searched for an explanation.

"You should not look for logic in the actions of terrorists," Zelenskyy said in his nightly video address. "The Russian army does not take any breaks. It has one task—to take people's lives, to intimidate people—so that even a few days without an air alarm already feel like part of the terror."

## 2 key ministers quit Boris Johnson government

**LONDON** (AP)—British Prime Minister Boris Johnson was clinging to power Tuesday after two of his most senior Cabinet ministers quit, saying they had lost confidence in Johnson's leadership amid shifting explanations about his handling of a sexual misconduct scandal.

Treasury chief Rishi Sunak and Health Secretary Sajid Javid resigned within minutes of each other, costing Johnson the support of the men responsible for tackling two of the biggest issues facing Britain—the cost-of-living crisis and surging COVID-19 infections.

Both cited Johnson's credibility after a day in which the prime minister was forced to backtrack on earlier statements about the scandal that has rattled his government for the past six days.

The debacle is only the latest to hit Johnson, who last month narrowly survived a vote of no confidence triggered by similarly shifting stories about lockdown-breaking parties in government offices.

In his letter of resignation, Javid said the confidence vote showed a large number of Conservative Party lawmakers had lost trust in Johnson.

"It was a moment for humility, grip and a new direction," Javid said. "I regret to say, however, that it is clear this situation will not change under your leadership—and you have therefore lost my confidence too."

A few minutes later, Sunak echoed those sentiments.

"The public rightly expect government to be conducted properly, competently and seriously," Sunak said. "I realize that this may be my last ministerial job, but I believe these standards are worth fighting for and that is why I am resigning."

Both Sunak and Javid are seen as possible contenders to replace Johnson if he is forced out.

While the resignations heaped pressure on the prime minister, Johnson has in the past proven to be an adept politician, fighting off criticism to prolong his career.

Johnson quickly named two loyalists to the positions: Steve Barclay got Javid's old job, while Education Secretary Nadhim Zahawi replaces Sunak as Treasury chief, Downing Street said.

At the same time, Foreign Secretary Liz Truss swiftly threw her support behind Johnson. Other Cabinet members, including Culture Secretary Nadine Dories, Defense Secretary Ben Wallace and Home Secretary Priti Patel, were also in his corner.

# Environment

## Judge throws out Trump-era rollbacks on endangered species

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—A federal judge on Tuesday threw out a host of actions by the Trump administration to roll back protections for endangered or threatened species, a year after the Biden administration said it was moving to strengthen such species protections.

U.S. District Judge Jon Tigar in Northern California eliminated the Trump-era rules even as two wildlife agencies under President Joe Biden are reviewing or rescinding the regulations. The decision restores a range of protections under the Endangered Species Act—including some that date to the 1970s—while the reviews are completed. Environmental groups hailed the decision, which they said sped up needed protections and critical habitat designations for threatened species, including salmon in the Pacific Northwest.

Tigar's ruling "spoke for species desperately in need of comprehensive federal protections without compromise," said Kristen Boyles, an attorney for the environmental group Earthjustice. "Threatened and endangered species do not have the luxury of waiting under rules that do not protect them."

The court ruling comes as two federal agencies—the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service—review five Endangered Species Act regulations finalized by President Donald Trump's administration, including critical habitat designations and rules requiring federal agencies to consult with the wildlife or fisheries services before taking actions that could affect threatened or endangered species.

Fish and Wildlife also said it will reinstate the decades-old "blanket rule," which mandates additional protections for species that are newly classified as threatened. Those protections were removed under Trump.

In this June 1995, file photo a Northern Spotted owl sits on a branch in Point Reyes, Calif. AP

In this February 2021, photo released by California Department of Fish and Wildlife, shows a gray wolf (OR-93), seen near Yosemite, Calif., shared by the state's Department of Fish and Wildlife. AP

A gopher frog is pictured at the Audubon Zoo in New Orleans on Sept. 27, 2011. AP

Critical habitat designations for threatened or endangered species can result in limitations on energy development such as mining or oil drilling that could disturb a vulnerable species, while the consultation rule and a separate rule on the scope of proposed federal actions help determine how far the government may go to protect imperiled species.

Under Trump, officials rolled back protections for the northern spotted owl, gray wolves and other species, actions that Biden has vowed to review. The Biden administration previously moved to reverse Trump's decision to weaken enforcement of the century-old Migratory Bird Treaty Act, which made it harder to prosecute bird deaths caused by the energy industry.

The bird law reversal was among more than 150 business-friendly actions on the environment that Trump took and Biden wants to reconsider, revise or scrap, including withdrawal last month of a 2020 rule that limited which lands and waters could be designated as places where imperiled animals and plants could receive federal protection.

A spokesman for the Interior Department, which oversees the Fish and Wildlife Service, said Tuesday the agency is reviewing the court ruling.

Fish and Wildlife, along with the marine fisheries service, announced in June 2021 that it was reviewing the Trump-era actions on endangered species. The reviews could take months or years to complete, officials said.

Industry groups and Republicans in Congress have long viewed the Endangered Species Act as an impediment to economic development, and under Trump they successfully lobbied to weaken the law's regulations. Environmental groups and Democratic-controlled states battled the moves in court, but many of those cases remained unresolved.

Ryan Shannon, a lawyer with the Center for Biological Diversity, another environmental group, said he was "incredibly relieved" that "terrible" Trump-era rules on endangered species were thrown out by the Oakland, California-based Tigar, who was appointed to the federal bench by former President Barack Obama.

"I hope the Biden administration takes this opportunity to strengthen this crucial law, rather than weaken it, in the face of the ongoing extinction crisis," Shannon said Tuesday.

Rebecca Riley of the Natural Resources Defense Council said the court ruling "ensures that the previous administration's 'extinction package' will be rolled back."

She and other advocates called on the Biden administration to ensure the Endangered Species Act "can do its job: preventing the extinction of vulnerable species."

## How a favela in Rio got its clean water, for $42,300

**RIO DE JANEIRO** (AP)—Butterflies and waxbills flit through the Enchanted Valley just outside Rio de Janeiro's Tijuca Forest National Park. There are fruit trees, a nearby waterfall and a commanding view out over the Atlantic Ocean. But for decades something was spoiling the idyll: the stench of raw sewage.

Electricity arrived in the late 20th century to the low-income Enchanted Valley community—which drew its name from a nearby residential project—but the utility never connected it to the city's sewage network. Waste was contaminating the local environment and putting residents' health at risk.

So the community set out to solve the problem on its own by building a biodigester and artificial wetland to process all sewage generated by all of its 40 families.

It started full operations in June, and is the first independently built biosystem for an entire Brazilian favela, according to Theresa Williamson, executive director at Catalytic Communities, a nonprofit that supports the underserviced communities. And it could serve as an example for rural hamlets across Brazil. According to official data, 45% of Brazilians' sewage isn't collected.

The Enchanted Valley project is years in the making. The president of the local residents' association, Otávio Barros, brought a group of tourists to a waterfall downhill in 2007 and, when they wanted to bathe in its waters, he told them they couldn't; all the community's sewage flowed through that cascade. The seed of an idea was planted, though, and he started drumming up support.

"It was harder back then to make people aware, show that everyone would benefit," he told The Associated Press as he walked through the community.

He found allies among researchers of Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro, where he had been working as an administrative assistant. They secured money from Rio state's foundation for the support of research to complete a first phase in 2015, and more recently German and Brazilian nonprofits Viva Con Agua and Instituto Clima e Sociedade to connect every home, with additional funding from Catalytic Communities.

## Mexican navy sets net hooks in bid to help vaquita porpoise

**MEXICO CITY** (AP)—The Mexican navy said Tuesday it has begun a controversial plan to drop concrete blocks onto the bottom of the Gulf of California to snag illegal nets that drown critically endangered vaquita marina porpoises.

As few as eight of the tiny, elusive porpoises remain in the Gulf, also known as the Sea of Cortez. It is the only place they live, and they cannot be captured and bred in captivity.

Vaquitas become trapped and drown in gill nets fishermen set illegally for totoaba, a fish whose swim bladder is a delicacy in China and sells for thousands of dollars per pound (kilogram).

The Mexican government has largely abandoned efforts to keep small fishing boats out of a 110-square-mile (288-square kilometer) "zero tolerance" area near San Felipe, Baja California, where the few remaining vaquita have been seen.

Environmentalists said Tuesday the plan to sink 193 concrete blocks was approved with no public comment and expressed concerns that the metal hooks attached to the blocks may accumulate remnants of nets that could continue to entangle and drown sea life.

"This is a total surprise, because the environmental impact statement was approved in record time, in six weeks. It wasn't opened to public comment," said Alex Olivera, the Mexico representative for the Center for Biological Diversity.

Mexico's Environment Department acknowledged there had been no public comment, but said that was because nobody had requested one. The department has become known for quickly signing off on government projects.

Doubts about the plan abound. It would scatter one block, with a metal hook attacked, every one kilometer over the zero tolerance area. It is not clear how, or whether, any snagged nets would be recovered from underwater.

"A net can be snagged on these hooks, and we don't know, we're talking about nets that are hundreds of yards (meters) long, so we don't know if a net snagged down there might be a double-edged sword, and trap vaquitas," said Olivera.

Abandoned nets, known as "ghost nets," can continue killing marine life for years.

# Life & Style

## UK climate protesters glue themselves to gallery paintings

**LONDON** (AP)—Climate change protesters targeted a copy of Leonardo da Vinci's "The Last Supper" at London's Royal Academy of Arts Tuesday, gluing themselves to the painting's frame and spray-painting "No New Oil" next to it.

The protest, organized by supporters of the campaign group "Just Stop Oil," came a day after two activists from the group were arrested after gluing themselves to the frame of John Constable's "The Hay Wain" in London's National Gallery.

On Tuesday, five activists went into the Royal Academy and attached a hand each to the frame of "The Last Supper," a full-size copy of da Vinci's famous 15th-century work.

The Metropolitan Police said three men and two women were arrested on suspicion of criminal damage.

AP

Protesters from "Just Stop Oil" climate protest group glue their hands to the frame of a copy of Leonardo da Vinci's, 'The Last Supper', inside the Royal Academy, London, Tuesday July 5, 2022.

The Royal Academy said the gallery room was closed to the public and that police were "called upon the protesters' request."

"Just Stop Oil," which wants the government to stop giving out licenses for new oil and gas projects, has staged a series of attention-grabbing protests over the past week.

On Monday, two activists were arrested after they covered Constable's 1821 "The Hay Wain" with large sheets of paper depicting "an apocalyptic vision of the future." They then each stuck a hand on the frame of the oil painting and protested as security staff ushered out tourists and a group of schoolchildren.

The National Gallery said that painting's frame "suffered minor damage" and "there was also some disruption to the surface of the varnish on the painting," but both were fixed and the painting was rehung.

Activists from "Just Stop Oil" also disrupted the British Grand Prix race on Sunday when they sat down on the track during a halt in the Formula One race in Silverstone, southern England.

Police said six people were charged with conspiracy to cause public nuisance at the race.

## A celebrity volcanologist couple spotlighted in new doc

By LINDSEY BAHR
AP FILM WRITER

There is a curious love triangle that sits at the center of the new documentary " Fire of Love." It's between a man, a woman and a volcano. Well, all volcanoes really.

The names might not be especially well-known today, but in the 1970s and '80s, French scientists Katia Krafft and Maurice Krafft were to volcanoes what Jacques Cousteau was to oceans. The married couple traveled the world for some 20 years in pursuit of their studies, capturing the spectacles with 16mm cameras and writing colorfully about their findings until their deaths in 1991 on Mount Unzen in Japan. On that June day a current of gas and volcanic matter called a pyroclastic flow took 43 lives, including the Kraftts and American volcanologist Harry Glicken.

Their deaths were covered globally, but their story has somewhat receded in the popular imagination in the past three decades, though Werner Herzog did spotlight them in his 2016 documentary "Into the Inferno."

Filmmaker Sara Dosa stumbled upon the Kraffts while making an earlier film about Iceland. The Kraffts, who first bonded over Mount Etna and Mount Stromboli and were married in 1970, witnessed some 140 eruptions on every continent except Antarctica and won an Emmy for their National Geographic documentary "Mountains of Fire." They would famously drop everything to get to an active volcano, and were often the first on site. They were also known for their willingness to get dangerously close.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC VIA AP

This image released by National Geographic shows Maurice Krafft, left, and Katia Krafft in a scene from the documentary "Fire of Love."

When the pandemic scuttled plans for another project, Dosa remembered this fascinating couple and the stories about their hundreds of hours of disarmingly beautiful footage of active volcanoes.

## Woman overhears co-worker's rude conversation about her

**DEAR ABBY**
**By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**
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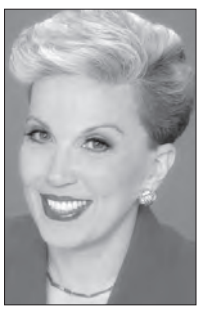

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DEAR ABBY: More than a year ago, I heard my co-worker, whom I consider a friend, talking to another co-worker (who is a gossip) about my belly. I am 30 pounds overweight, and although I work out regularly, I still have this paunch from having had three kids. I am hurt that she would have said anything, but she doesn't know I heard her.

Occasionally, I see her glance at my stomach and I'm reminded of what happened. It is bizarre. Why is she looking at my stomach or discussing it with someone else? I always admired her and felt she was a friend to me. Should I bring it up next time she looks at my stomach? I'm having a hard time overcoming the hurt and wonder if I've made a mistake by considering her a friend. What do you think?

**SOFT IN THE MIDDLE**

**DEAR SOFT: You caught your co-worker in mid-gossip. Shame on her! What I think is that this woman isn't as good a friend to you as you have been to her. If you wish to tell her you heard what she said and are very hurt by it, you are within your rights. Go for it, because she owes you an apology.**

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**DEAR ABBY:** I am a senior in high school. A lot of my friends are going to four-year colleges, while I'm starting at a community college. Many of them are going far away. They know their majors, and they're all very confident in their future plans. I can't help but feel left out, even though my community college plan will save money and allow me to experiment before choosing my major.

I'm confident in my plan; I just feel so out of the loop with my friends' college discussions. Is it OK to feel awkward during this transitional period? And is it OK to be unsure of what I want to do?

**WONDERING ABOUT THE FUTURE**

**DEAR WONDERING: Please stop being so hard on yourself. You are far from the only young adult who is unsure of what steps they should take as they approach adulthood. Some high school seniors take a gap year off and get a job for this very reason. Community college seems like a practical solution for you. Bear in mind that your friends' confidence in their future plans doesn't guarantee they will end up in the careers they are aiming for now. Many times "life" intervenes and takes folks on a very different path.**

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**DEAR ABBY:** My spouse "cancels" me, and I am no longer willing to accept feeling devalued. There has been a serious communication breakdown. Mid-sentence of almost any topic of conversation I begin, he interrupts me with, "I know already," "You take too long" or, "I'm busy." Another response is typically, "I've got work to do," when, in fact, he is reading the newspaper or just getting a cup of coffee. How do I convince my spouse this is detrimental to our relationship, or is getting through to him even possible?

**WOMAN WHO DOES NOT MATTER**

**DEAR WOMAN: What one does in a situation like this is tell the spouse the current situation is not tolerable, and suggest counseling to save your marriage. If your spouse then refuses, you must decide whether to move on, because your assessment of your relationship is correct.**

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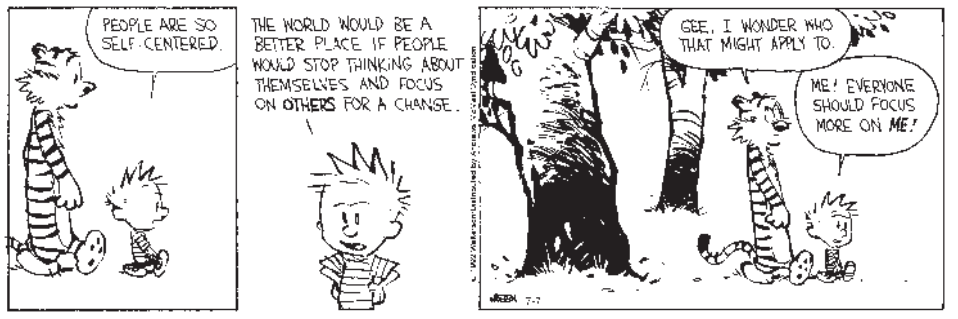
*Good advice for everyone – teens to seniors – is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)*

# Pastimes

## Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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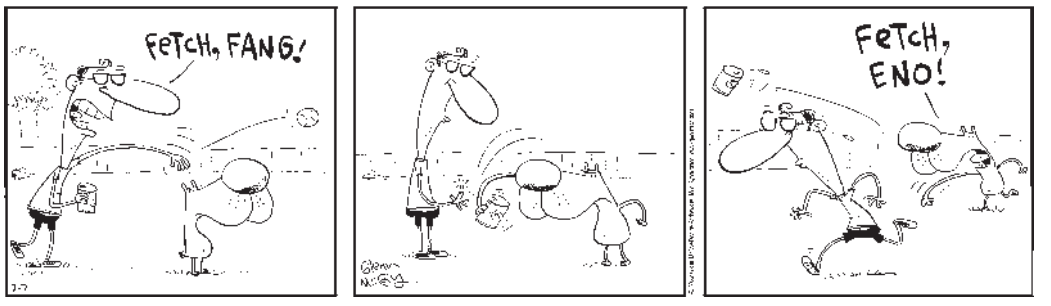
## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

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*By Eugene Sheffer*

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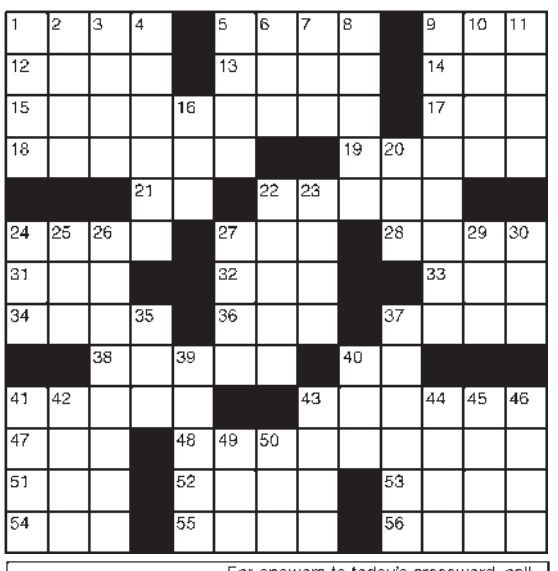

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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Michelle Kwan, 42; Berenice Bejo, 46; Shelley Duvall, 73; Ringo Starr, 82.

**Happy Birthday:** Stick to what you know and do best. Taking on responsibilities that don't belong to you or making promises that will take up your time and energy will need to be monitored carefully. Set high standards, and don't deviate from your plans to appease others. Take charge of your life and happiness and see how quickly you can make things better. Your numbers are 4, 15, 27, 29, 32, 36, 41.

**ARIES** *(March 21-April 19):* Opposition will sprout if you don't keep your thoughts secret. Bide your time, rethink your strategy and build a solid argument with reasonable suggestions to satisfy challenging opponents. Be smart, not daring, and you'll gain respect and the help you desire. ✪✪✪

**TAURUS** *(April 20-May 20):* Use your energy wisely. Arguing will eat into your time and set you back. Work under the radar, and finish what you start. Too much of anything will leave you with a lack of time, energy and progress. ✪✪✪

**GEMINI** *(May 21-June 20):* You've got the drive to turn your ideas into something concrete. A physical effort to follow through with your plans will make you feel good about yourself and what you have achieved. Share downtime with someone you love or focus on self-improvement. ✪✪✪✪

**CANCER** *(June 21-July 22):* You'll have a short fuse. Before letting someone aggravate you, think about what's transpired. Adjust your attitude to avoid getting into an unnecessary argument that could lead to emotional turmoil. Make a move if it will ward off conflict. ✪✪

**LEO** *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Spread joy, be generous and make a difference, but don't go hog-wild. Offer reasonable suggestions, pitch in and lend a helping hand. What you do will count for more than what you say. Self-improvement is encouraged. ✪✪✪✪

**VIRGO** *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Change your routine, let your intuition guide you and your imagination lead you on an adventure. Embrace what life offers and let the experiences that follow usher in personal growth and a healthy routine. ✪✪✪

**LIBRA** *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* A steady pace will get you where you want to go. Refuse to let emotional misunderstandings lead to regret. Listen, ask questions and confirm facts before passing along information. Say less and do more, and you'll gain respect and support. ✪✪✪

**SCORPIO** *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Change the way you live. Discuss your intentions with someone who can offer insight. Let your imagination take you on a journey that helps you discover what you want to do next. Follow your heart, and use your intelligence to recognize deception. ✪✪✪

**SAGITTARIUS** *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Stick to the truth, and question anything that sounds absurd. Show how dedicated you are by nurturing meaningful partnerships. Focus on improving your lifestyle, cutting your costs, taking care of responsibilities and enjoying downtime. Leave nothing to chance or up to someone else. ✪✪✪✪

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**CAPRICORN** *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Don't strain your relationships. Take your time, listen carefully and offer only positive advice. Getting along with those closest to you will encourage compromise and peace, but don't try to win acceptance. You can't buy love. ✪✪

**AQUARIUS** *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Push yourself as hard as possible; leave nothing to chance or unfinished. Don't be railroaded into someone's dream when you have plans of your own. Self-improvement will pay off, and creating a space that inspires you to follow your dreams is essential. ✪✪✪✪✪

**PISCES** *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Don't argue. Give others the same freedom that you wish for, and do your best to keep the peace. Channel your energy into handling your money better and tidying up loose ends. Say no to situations that pose health threats. ✪✪✪

**Birthday Baby:** You are energetic, flexible and outspoken. You are curious and innovative.

*✪: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ✪✪: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ✪✪✪: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ✪✪✪✪: Aim high; start new projects. ✪✪✪✪✪: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.*

## SUDOKU

**Conceptis Sudoku** *By Dave Green*

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

**Last Wednesday's Answer**

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## WONDERWORD

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**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

**DOG TOYS** Solution: 4 letters

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# Reds spoil Scherzer's return with a 1-0 ninth-inning win

**CINCINNATI** (AP)— Max Scherzer turned in a stellar performance for the New York Mets in his return from an oblique injury.

Perhaps more importantly for the NL East leaders, the ace right-hander felt good the entire time on a steamy Tuesday night in Cincinnati.

Scherzer struck out 11 while pitching six innings of two-hit ball, but New York lost 1-0 to the last-place Reds on Mike Moustakas' game-ending sacrifice fly.

Scherzer, who turns 38 in three weeks, had been sidelined by a strained oblique muscle on his left side. It was his first big league game since May 18.

"I felt great," he said. "No issues whatsoever today. Felt strong all the way through. (The oblique) never tightened up on me, so that's a good thing."

Mets manager Buck Showalter took Scherzer out after 79 pitches — mostly fastballs and sliders — but the ace believed he could have gone deeper into the game.

"This is a good problem to have," Scherzer said. "Buck is going to make the best decision for the ballclub and for my health and my long-term health, so I completely understand where he's coming from. With that being said, I didn't have any problems tonight. I felt good. I felt strong. I had nothing tighten up. I wanted to get to that 90, 95 pitch count."

Tommy Pham led off the Cincinnati ninth with a double into the right-field corner against Seth Lugo (1-2). It was the Reds' fourth hit of the game.

Tyler Naquin was walked intentionally before Donovan Solano walked to load the bases. Moustakas' deep fly ball to center drove in Pham with the game-winner.

"It is kind of how you want to draw it up when you're coming up to win the game," Moustakas said. "You just get a pitch to hit and don't miss it."

Reds rookie Nick Lodolo combined with four relievers on a six-hitter. Lodolo struck out eight and gave up just three hits in 4 2/3 innings in his return from a back injury.

It was Lodolo's first major league game since April 24.

"Lodolo — as good as he was — that lineup made him work," Reds manager David Bell said. "He was really on a mission."

Hunter Strickland (2-2) got three outs for the win.

"I'm so happy for the bullpen, they kept us right there," Bell said.

"I know the players are frustrated to have that kind of outing, but I knew that their pitcher was going to be a challenge before the game," Showalter said of Lodolo. "Watching a lot of stuff on him and talking to people, we knew he was going to be a challenge for us tonight. I was hoping it wasn't that much of a challenge as it ended up being."

The Reds threatened in the eighth, putting runners on second and third with one out. But Tommy Hunter got Jonathan India to pop out and Brandon Drury to fly out to right.

AP

Cincinnati Reds' Mike Moustakas, middle, celebrates with teammates after hitting an RBI sacrifice fly during the ninth inning of the team's baseball game against the New York Mets in Cincinnati, Tuesday, July 5, 2022.

## Astros 9, Royals 7

In Houston, Yordan Alvarez threw out Hunter Dozier at the plate from just short of the warning track in left field to preserve a two-run, eighth-inning lead, then hit his 25th homer as Houston beat Kansas City.

The Astros also got homers from Jeremy Peña, Alex Bregman and Aledmys Díaz as they extended their winning streak to a major league-best eight games.

Houston trailed 4-3 entering the fifth inning before Peña homered off Zack Greinke (2-5) to tie it. Bregman's two-run shot later in the fifth put the Astros ahead 6-4.

Luis Garcia (7-5) allowed eight hits and five runs in 6 1/3 innings for his fourth straight win. Rafael Montero allowed a run on a groundout in the ninth before striking out the next two batters for his sixth save.

## Marlins 2, Angels 1

In Miami, Sandy Alcantara pitched eight dominant innings and Miami beat Los Angeles for its sixth straight win.

Alcantara (9-3) allowed two hits — singles by Luis Rengifo in the fifth and Mike Trout in the seventh — in his 11th consecutive outing of at least seven innings. The right-hander struck out 10 and lowered his ERA to 1.82.

Tanner Scott earned his 10th save, surrendering Taylor Ward's sacrifice fly before retiring Jared Walsh on a liner to center for the final out.

Garrett Cooper connected against Noah Syndergaard (5-7) in the third inning. Bryan De La Cruz went deep in the fifth.

## Orioles 10, Rangers 9, 10 innings

In Baltimore, Cedric Mullins doubled in the winning run in the 10th inning, Baltimore beat Texas in a wild game that featured several comebacks and clutch home runs.

Mullins hit a two-out liner into the gap off Matt Moore (3-2) to bring home Ryan McKenna, who started the inning at second base.

Joey Krehbiel (4-3) worked out of a bases-loaded jam in the top of the 10th for the Orioles, who have won three straight following a four-game skid.

Texas trailed 4-0 in the second inning, 7-4 in the eighth and 8-7 in the ninth before rallying. Not to be outdone, Baltimore pulled out of a 9-8 deficit in the ninth when Rougned Odor hit a two-out homer to right-center off Joe Barlow.

Mitch Garver, Nathanel Lowe and Corey Seagar homered for the Rangers.

## Phillies 11, Nationals 0

In Philadelphia, Kyle Schwarber homered twice, running his NL-best total to 25, and the Philadelphia beat Washington.

J.T. Realmuto hit a two-run shot as the Phillies won for the fourth time in five games.

Cristopher Sánchez (1-1) tossed two-hit ball over five shutout innings.

Schwarber opened the game against Paolo Espino (0-2) with his third leadoff homer this season and No. 16 for his career. He left no doubt in the third, drilling a solo shot into the second deck in right for his 18th career multihomer game.

## Pirates 5, Yankees 2

In Pittsburgh, rookie outfielder Jack Suwinski hit his 14th home run, Daniel Vogelbach added his 11th and Pittsburgh beat New York.

Jameson Taillon (9-2), a high draft pick by the Pirates who was traded to New York in January 2021, lost for the first time since April 11. He gave up a solo shot to Vogelbach in the first inning and a two-run homer just over the center-field wall by Suwinski in the fourth.

Jose Quintana (2-4) held New York in check for five innings and Pittsburgh's bullpen did the rest. David Bednar worked the ninth for his 13th save as the Pirates sent the Yankees to consecutive losses for just the fifth time this season.

## Braves 7, Cardinals 1

In Atlanta, Austin Riley homered and drove in three runs, Ian Anderson allowed one run in a bounce-back start, and Atlanta beat struggling St. Louis.

Riley hit a two-run homer, his 21st, and William Contreras also went deep in the first inning as Atlanta took a 5-0 lead.

Anderson (7-5) allowed eight hits with one walk and three strikeouts in five innings. He had allowed a combined 11 earned runs in back-to-back losses.

St. Louis rookie Andre Pallante (2-4) allowed career highs of seven runs and 10 hits in 3 2/3 innings.

## Twins 8, White Sox 2

In Chicago, Alex Kirilloff hit two of Minnesota's five homers, Jorge Polanco went deep on his birthday for the second time, and the Twins beat Chicago.

Kirilloff went back to back with Polanco against slumping White Sox starter Michael Kopech (2-6) in a three-run fifth, and then hit a two-run drive against Vince Velasquez in the seventh.

Max Kepler and Jose Miranda also connected for the Twins.

Josh Winder (4-2) pitched five solid innings on short notice after Chris Archer went on the 15-day injured list because of tightness in his left hip.

## Mariners 6, Padres 2

In San Diego, Logan Gilbert (10-3) tied for the major league lead in wins, Sam Haggerty homered and Seattle beat San Diego.

The Mariners swept the two-game set to win their fifth consecutive series. They have won 12 of 15, while the Padres have lost nine of 12.

Gilbert allowed one earned run and six hits in 5 1/3 innings. He walked three, struck out one and has a 2.61 ERA.

Mike Clevinger (2-1) gave up four runs and six hits over six innings.

## Cubs 8, Brewers 3

In Milwaukee, Seiya Suzuki homered for the second straight night as Chicago overcame Kyle Hendricks' early exit and beat Milwaukee.

Hendricks left after three innings with a sore right shoulder. Matt Swarmer (2-3), Rowan Wick and Michael Rucker combined to allow just one run over the last six innings.

Suzuki broke a 2-all tie by lining a two-run shot just to the right of the left-field foul pole in the fifth inning.

After Jason Alexander (2-1) held Chicago scoreless for the first three innings, the Cubs totaled eight runs over the next three frames.

## Rays 8, Red Sox 4

In Boston, Kevin Kiermaier hit an early three-run double and broke a tie with an RBI grounder during a four-run sixth inning that sent Tampa Bay past Boston.

Yandy Díaz had three hits and an RBI as the Rays evened the three-game series between AL East rivals at one apiece.

Xander Bogaerts and Trevor Story homered for Boston.

Ryan Thompson (2-2) took over for starter Jeffrey Springs with two on and none out in the fifth and got out of the jam to keep the game tied.

Nick Pivetta (8-6) pitched 5 2/3 innings for Boston and allowed seven runs on eight hits with two walks and four strikeouts.

## Tigers 11, Guardians 4

In Detroit, Riley Greene and Victor Reyes drove in three runs apiece, Eric Haase blasted a two-run homer and Detroit pounded Cleveland.

Miguel Cabrera added three hits, two runs scored and an RBI for the Tigers, who have won the first three games of the four-game series.

Drew Hutchison (1-4) allowed two runs — one earned — and five hits in five innings.

Guardians starter Cal Quantrill (4-5) surrendered six runs — three earned — and eight hits in four innings.

## Athletics 5, Blue Jays 3

In Oakland, Calif., Stephen Piscotty homered, Adrián Martínez struck out five over five solid innings and Oakland beat Toronto.

Matt Chapman hit a tying two-run homer in the second against his former club, but the A's held on to secure a winning series for just the second time in their last 12.

Four relievers followed Martínez (2-1) and held Toronto in check, with Lou Trivino closing it out for his sixth save in seven opportunities.

Yusei Kikuchi (3-5) matched his season high with five walks in 2 1/3 innings. He was charged with four runs and two hits.

# Holmgren shines in Salt Lake City Summer League debut

**SALT LAKE CITY** (AP)—Chet Holmgren shined in his summer league debut, scoring 13 of his 23 points in the first quarter to help the Oklahoma City Thunder build an early 20-point lead en route to a 98-77 victory over the Utah Jazz on Tuesday night.

The No. 2 pick in the draft also had seven rebounds, four assists and a Salt Lake City Summer League-record six blocks in 24 minutes. Holmgren, a versatile 7-footer from Gonzaga who averaged 14.1 points and 9.9 rebounds and ranked fourth nationally with 3.7 blocks per game, finished 7 of 9 from the floor and 5 of 5 at the free throw line.

Holmgren made 4 of 5 shots in the first quarter, including three 3-pointers. He sat out the first six minutes of the second quarter before finding Jalen Williams for a dunk to make it 42-22. Holmgren made six straight shots after missing his first attempt.

Jalen Williams, the No. 12 pick out of Santa Clara, added 17 points to help Oklahoma City spoil the debut of new Utah coach Will Hardy. Josh Giddey finished with 14 points and 11 assists.

Oklahoma City closed the third quarter on a 10-0 run for a 78-50 lead.

AP

Oklahoma City Thunder's Chet Holmgren loses the ball as Utah Jazz's Kofi Cockburn, left, and Zavier Sneed defend during an NBA summer league basketball game in Salt Lake City on Tuesday, July 5, 2022.

### Heat 94, Warriors 70

Serbian forward Nikola Jovic scored 25 points and grabbed nine rebounds on Day 3 of the California Classic in San Francisco.

Jovic, the No. 27 overall pick, was 5 of 7 from 3-point range and shot 9 of 16 overall. Six of his rebounds were on the offensive end, helping the Heat to a 47-23 edge on the glass. Jovic has played for Mega Basket in the Serbian league, averaging 11.7 points on 43% shooting in that league this past season.

"I'm just happy we won," the 6-foot-11 Jovic said. "My performance, you know, I've been working my whole life to play here (NBA) and I did good."

Gui Santos, selected by Golden State with the 55th pick, had 12 points and five assists. The 6-8 forward from the Novo Basquete Brasil league was 3 for 3 from distance.

### Kings 87, Lakers 75

No. 4 pick Keegan Murray scored 16 of his 24 points in the second half, and Sacramento finished the California Classic unbeaten after beating Los Angeles.

Murray, the Big Ten's leading scorer at 23.5 points a game, also had seven rebounds and three steals. He was 9 of 16 from the field, including 2 of 4 from 3-point range.

Max Christie, a Michigan State guard selected with the 35th pick, had five points and eight rebounds for Los Angeles. Christie, the 6-foot-6 shooter and wing defender who left East Lansing after just one season, was 1 of 6 from the field.

### Grizzlies 103, 76ers 99

Jake LaRavia, the No. 19 pick out of Wake Forest, made four of Memphis' 15 3-pointers, and the Grizzlies won the opening game in Salt Lake City.

Memphis led by as many as 17 points. The Grizzlies made 7 of 9 3-pointers in the first quarter and finished 15 of 30. Memphis also had 29 assists on 37 made field goals.

Philadelphia had the ball down 101-99 with 15 seconds left but Jaden Springer had it stolen by Kennedy Chandler. Ziaire Williams made two free throws with 0.1 seconds left to seal it.

No. 23 pick David Roddy, a 6-6, 255-pound forward from Colorado State, scored four points for Memphis. Roddy was the Mountain West player of the year after averaging 19.2 points, 7.5 rebounds, 2.9 assists this past season.

Paul Reed led Philadelphia with 20 points and 15 rebounds.

# Hardy ready to rebuild Jazz as NBA's youngest head coach

**SALT LAKE CITY** (AP)—Will Hardy knew some of the inner workings of the Utah Jazz before being named the league's youngest current head coach.

Sure, it was in 2009, and he was just an intern.

Ahead of his final year at Williams College, he put in eight weeks in the business operations department, spending his mornings with the Jazz, afternoons helping the Salt Lake Bees — a Triple-A affiliate of the Los Angeles Angels — and evenings at the gym rehabbing from hip surgery.

One of Hardy's initial assignments was to give tours of Vivint Arena, a building he had never entered before his internship. That didn't hold him back — and his ability to adapt on the fly could now serve the Jazz well.

"Those (tours) were adventurous for sure," Hardy said. "I was kind of learning the building as I went."

Utah introduced Hardy as its coach Tuesday. The 34-year-old, who was an assistant coach with the Boston Celtics, will steer the ship as the team sails into a rebuilding process with All-Star guard Donovan Mitchell as the cornerstone.

AP

Former San Antonio Spurs summer league head coach Will Hardy looks on during the second half of an NBA summer league basketball game against the Utah Jazz on July 7, 2015, in Salt Lake City.

The change began when Quin Snyder stepped down in June after eight seasons, followed by trades that sent away three-time NBA Defensive Player of the Year Rudy Gobert and Royce O'Neale and brought in Malik Beasley, Jarred Vanderbilt and Patrick Beverly. The team also collected an assortment of first-round NBA draft picks to use as building blocks.

Hardy is ready to embrace whatever direction Jazz CEO Danny Ainge and GM Justin Zanik decide to take.

"I trust Danny and Justin," Hardy said. "Their track record and their history speaks for itself. But they've been really open and communicative with me and collaborative throughout the process."

Hardy's coaching philosophy won Ainge and Zanik over during the interview process. Ainge said they put him through exercises to learn his approach to everything from scouting reports to player development plans.

"Yeah, he's 34 years old, but he didn't feel 34 to us and we didn't really pay much attention to that," said Ainge, whom Hardy impressed with his basketball acumen. "He just seemed very mature, very prepared … many times in his answers, he spoke my language."

Hardy beat out veteran NBA coaches Frank Vogel and Terry Stotts for the job during an extensive process that included final interviews with team owner Ryan Smith and minority owner Dwyane Wade.

"It seemed like after the few stages we went through that Will was our guy and we couldn't be more excited," Ainge said.

Another thing that caught Ainge's eye: Hardy's commitment to frequent practices, because, to him, repetition is a core element. But it doesn't have to be the traditional 90 minutes, Hardy said.

"We need to reframe that a little bit. Practice can be 30 minutes. The middle of the season can be hard. The schedule is grueling. ... But I think in order to build habits and to know what doing it right feels like, you need to do it full speed," Hardy said.

Hardy has some, if limited, coaching experience with a few players currently on the Jazz roster. He was an assistant on Gregg Popovich's staff when Rudy Gay played with the Spurs from 2017 to 2021 and helped with Team USA — for which Mitchell played — during the 2019 Basketball World Cup.

Hardy knows he needs to get the team back on track after chemistry issues caused Utah to unravel late last season.

"Toughness, sacrifice, and passion are the three things that are most important to me," Hardy said. "I want our group to be deeply competitive and able to deal with adversity. I would like everybody to recognize that this is bigger than them individually. Everybody is going to have to get out of their comfort zone a little bit as we move forward."

# DFS supports 2022 Mini Games in the CNMI

DFS Group, the world's leading luxury travel retailer, was proud to be a platinum sponsor of the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022, which was held in Saipan for the first time from June 17 to 25 2022.

The Pacific Mini Games is a multi sporting event contested by 19 countries and territories across the Pacific region. Over 1,400 talented competitors and spectators traveled to the CNMI to participate in the 2022 Games. Athletes competed amongst each other in nine different sports—athletics, badminton, baseball, beach volleyball, golf, tennis, triathlon, *va'a*, and weightlifting.

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T Galleria hosted a special cocktail event on June 25 to congratulate the winning athletes and officials for their hard work and successes that was attended by DFS Group representatives and local authorities.

T Galleria by DFS, Saipan donated over $100,000 to contribute to this historic sporting event that brought competitors from different countries together to help support and strengthen regional relations. The donation included $50,000 in cash and more than $50,000 in in-kind donations. In addition, T Galleria distributed welcome gift bags and gift certificates to all participants and officials of the Mini Games.

To celebrate the conclusion of the Games, T Galleria hosted a special cocktail event on June 25 to congratulate the winning athletes and officials for their hard work and successes, attended by DFS representatives and local authorities.

"We are truly thankful for DFS Group who has donated a generous sum of $100,000, and have teamed up to present the athletes with souvenir bags as well as increasing their hours Friday through Sunday until 9pm. Their extension of kindness works toward the improvement of the Mini Games and the enjoyment of the attendees, participants, and all those involved. "Thanks to DFS' support, the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games can continue to bring the people of the Pacific together, strengthening our ties and celebrating our commonalities and our diversity. DFS has been a business partner in the Northern Marianas for many years and we are grateful for their donation and partnership," said Vicente "Ben" Babauta, Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games Organizing Committee CEO.

"For DFS to be able to contribute to our home here on Saipan, where we consider ourselves part of the family and part of the community, is a great honor," said Richard Gustafson, DFS managing director MidPacific, Japan & Korea. "We are proud to be able to add to the quality experience and overall success of the Pacific Mini Games." "The tourism industry is the lifeblood of the Saipan economy, and sustaining it is key to DFS' values and mission. We look forward to many more years of Saipan's success as a destination for sports as well as leisure tourism," said Rachel Tan, DFS vice president of Operations MidPacific. ***(PR)***

## LAM

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most prestigious grand slam.

"A few minutes ago we were waiting to get on the bus to go to training and La Hunn was just so excited he was bouncing off the walls. I had to have him do some breathing exercises to calm him down. What an experience for a young man," he said.

Lam also wasn't alone in being excited as Race also had a chance to meet one of his hometown idols when he got a chance to talk with tennis legend and 39-time tennis major winner Billie Jean King.

"I just had a five-minute conversation with Billie Jean King. We're from the same hometown and I won my first title, the Moore League doubles championship, on the Billie Jean King tennis center courts," he said.

"We were by ourselves in the cafe this morning at Roehampton when Billie Jean King walked through. I never ask for photos but I did ask her. We are from the same hometown and we started talking for about five minutes. Later on she stopped on her way out to give La Hunn some tennis advice. Stuff of dreams!" Race added.

Lam now resides in Mallorca, Spain and one of his coaches is Tony Nadal, uncle of 21-time Grand Slam winner Rafael Nadal.

Lam and another Oceania netter, Aishi Das of New Zealand, have been selected to play in the fully funded (airfares, accommodation, meals, transfers, transportation, and accreditation) Inaugural 14U Championships at Wimbledon from July 7 to 10, 2022.

Das is being accompanied by her coach, Celine Schneider.

According to the Oceania Tennis Federation, the All England Lawn Tennis Club established this event because they want to see juniors being able to compete on grass earlier in their careers than is currently the case. The 14U boy's and girl's events (16 draw) will showcase the best 14U players from each of the six ITF regions plus the four grand slam nations.

The format will initially be round robin with four groups of four players in each pool with the first place in each pool progressing to the knockout semifinals and finals. The final will be played on the last day of the Wimbledon Championships on Sunday, July 10.

Lam and Das arrived last Sunday on the first week of Wimbledon and will stay until at least Sunday late afternoon of Week 2 of Wimbledon or until Monday after the 14U Championships has finished.

## CFOGA

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Some of the people they recognized were CFoGA vice president and national golfer J.J. Atalig, who was "passionate about making sure that [golf] was a success." They also recognized the Pacific Mini Games dedicated golf team that included Jack Diaz who served as the venue manager; Joey Dela Cruz, who served as the tournament director and "ran the competition part of the tournament," and Erlinda Naputi who ran the volunteers and was "very vital to the operations."

It was "four days of competition and two days of practice, so that was a lot of time committed," said Gerilyn Dela Cruz of CFoGA.

Golf had about 70 volunteers and some of them were out at the golf course as early as 5:30am and would leave as late as 3pm or 6pm.

Dela Cruz added that "it was really the whole team together that put on the entire tournament. No one could have done it by themselves, but I think the chemistry that was there with everybody really made the tournament the success that it was. We felt it and I think our visiting guests felt it."

"With the support that we had from our federation, and the resources that we got from the Mini Games Organizing Committee, we were able to put on the tournament that we did. It was overwhelming, it was no easy task, but I think everybody put their 100% in."

Additionally, even as the event has been over for more than a week now, the federation still gets feedback from the countries who came over to play golf. Dela Cruz said that she received an email from Samoa thanking the federation for a "wonderful tournament, the hospitality they received… They were really appreciative of everything and the environment we gave them."

She said there was no negative feedback given and that everything was positive, "so we're happy about that."

Golf played during the Mini Games was "one of the biggest tournaments ever for golf that we've actually been involved [in]. We've run many different tournaments, but compared to the Mini Games, [those were] nothing. This was big," added Manibusan.

Dominic Kieffer, a volunteer technical official for the golf tournament, said that despite some "minor hiccups," someone was always able to pick up the slack and continue on running the competition smoothly.

Over on the athletes' perspective, J.J. Atalig said that "the biggest factor there was playing in front of your home crowd, playing at home. Definitely, there was a lot of pressure that was placed on all the athletes that are from here because expectation is high. Overall, it was good."

Golf had about 52 athletes from the countries that participated and it was the only sport that required 50% of its athletes to be composed of the youth. The federation praised the performance of the NMI junior teams which included Joshua Atalig, Antonio Norita, and Joey Dela Cruz Jr. and the junior women Sorian Oh and the women's golf gold medalist, Zhimin Jin.

The golf event during the Mini Games was sanctioned by the World Amateur Golf Rankings and featured the Mini Games' winners. "Every single athlete that competed now has points toward their amateur rankings," said Dela Cruz.

## ROLLERS

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again leading the charge with 16 markers and Alipio adding 14 points.

Rollers stumbled in its third game against Pacific Rim as they lost 49-61 with Alipio and Factor firing 15 and 12 points, respectively.

Despite the loss, the Rollers finished pool play with a 2-1 win-loss record and secured the No. 1 seed for the playoffs.

Rollers steamrolled past No. 4 seed WAQAB in the quarterfinals, 62-47, with Alipio scoring 11 points.

The team, however, bowed to eventual runner-up Typhoon in the semifinals, 33-35, with Factor leading their losing cause with 8 points.

Typhoons would eventually bow to P4L, 38-53, in the championship game of the API basketball tourney.

Despite missing out on the championship, two Rollers players made it to the All Tournament First Team as Factor and Alipio joined Typhoon's SamDee Samson Setik, PHX- RMI's Byron N. Ezelda Thomas, and P4L's Nick Borja on the selection.

Rollers founder Joe Diaz said he couldn't be more proud of his former wards.

"I'm just proud of our boys out there. These boys grew up from being young kids to young adults. Now they're living out there and attending school and working. There's a lot of them out there in Las Vegas and Arizona and pretty much some of them flew in just to be part of the tournament representing Rollers."

Diaz said it just blows his mind that former Rollers players are still representing their old club in the U.S. mainland.

"They really stood up for it (Rollers). It's amazing to see our boys forming and taking ownership of the club out there. They played for Rollers and they've been Rollers since they were young kids. I'm just very proud of them that even though they're busy with school and work they still formed a team and reached the semifinals repping the Rollers."

Sammy Setik, who is one of the organizers of the 2022 Arizona Asia-Pacific Islanders Men's Basketball Tournament, said seeing Rollers take part in the competition was like deja vu.

"I was really excited for the Rollers when they came out. Everytime I see our own people it just reminds me of home. I've known Prince since he was a young boy as I played for the Guam junior nationals. It was a good thing they came out and took part in our tournament."

Setik said he formed the Asia-Pacific Islanders Men's Basketball Tournament way back in 2016 when he first came to the U.S. mainland.

"My vision was to put everyone [from the islands] together and not forget where we came from and share the culture and share the game we love. We come from different islands and races but we share one thing and that's one ocean together."

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**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

**East Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New York | 58 | 23 | .716 | _ |
| Boston | 45 | 36 | .556 | 13 |
| Tampa Bay | 44 | 37 | .543 | 14 |
| Toronto | 44 | 38 | .537 | 14½ |
| Baltimore | 38 | 44 | .463 | 20½ |

**Central Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Minnesota | 47 | 37 | .560 | _ |
| Cleveland | 40 | 39 | .506 | 4½ |
| Chicago | 38 | 41 | .481 | 6½ |
| Detroit | 33 | 47 | .413 | 12 |
| Kansas City | 29 | 50 | .367 | 15½ |

**West Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Houston | 53 | 27 | .663 | _ |
| Seattle | 41 | 42 | .494 | 13½ |
| Texas | 37 | 42 | .468 | 15½ |
| Los Angeles | 37 | 45 | .451 | 17 |
| Oakland | 28 | 55 | .337 | 26½ |

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

**East Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New York | 50 | 31 | .617 | _ |
| Atlanta | 48 | 34 | .585 | 2½ |
| Philadelphia | 43 | 38 | .531 | 7 |
| Miami | 39 | 40 | .494 | 10 |
| Washington | 29 | 54 | .349 | 22 |

**Central Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Milwaukee | 47 | 36 | .566 | _ |
| St. Louis | 44 | 39 | .530 | 3 |
| Pittsburgh | 33 | 47 | .413 | 12½ |
| Chicago | 33 | 48 | .407 | 13 |
| Cincinnati | 28 | 52 | .350 | 17½ |

**West Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Los Angeles | 51 | 29 | .638 | _ |
| San Diego | 47 | 36 | .566 | 5½ |
| San Francisco | 40 | 39 | .506 | 10½ |
| Arizona | 37 | 44 | .457 | 14½ |
| Colorado | 35 | 46 | .432 | 16½ |

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# Lam, Race arrive in England for Wimbledon

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CNMI sports hall of famer Jeff Race with La Hunn Lam before the latter's practice at Roehampton, England.

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La Hunn Lam and CNMI sports hall of famer Jeff Race are now in England getting ready for the qualifier for the inaugural 14U Championships at Wimbledon.

The 12-year-old Lam learned how to play tennis in the CNMI under the tutelage of Race, the CNMI national coach and president of the Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association, before moving to Europe a couple of years back.

Race said Lam is getting ready for the wildcard phase of the All England Club classic by hitting balls with the best 14-year-olds on the planet.

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"La Hunn trained about four hours yesterday at Roehampton, where they played all the qualifying for Wimbledon. We'll see if he can win any matches, but I can tell you that he can keep up and is not intimidated by the best 14-year-old players in the world," he said.

Race, who recently stirred the CNMI to three gold medals and a bronze medal in the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022, said Lam actually practiced against the No. 1 player in Asia, the No. 1 player in Australia, and the No. 1 player in Africa and wasn't fazed at all.

"I am really excited. I'm playing with such good players and on the grass at Wimbledon," said Lam.

Race added that his former ward is simply giddy at the thought of facing the best 14U players in arguably the sport's

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CNMI national tennis coach Jeff Race poses with tennis legend and 39-time tennis major winner Billie Jean King.

# 'CFoGA ran like a well-oiled machine'

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After successfully hosting the sport of golf at the Coral Ocean Resort golf course during the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022, Commonwealth Federation of Golf Associations president Edward Manibusan compared it to a well-oiled machine and also commended its golf athletes.

With just six members of CFoGA along with countless volunteers, Coral Ocean Resort staff, and technical officials working together to bring a successful golf competition during the Games, Manibusan said that they all "worked so well. Everyone knew what [their] assignment was and it was just like a well-oiled machine."

Along with praising all the hands that took part in organizing, planning, volunteering, and helping in any way to have a successful golf competition, Manibusan described the NMI athletes' performance as "amazing."

Moreover, the people who worked on the event since preparation began last August "need to be recognized," Manibusan said. When the Pacific Games Council decided to add the sport of golf in the program, they put the federation in charge of running the game, from "organizing the venue and every single detail of the game and I think it went flawlessly and smoothly," said Manibusan.

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The CNMI National Golf Team poses with other teams that took part in the golf competition following the medal presentation of the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022 at the Coral Ocean Resort golf course.

# Rollers take part in all-islanders tourney in AZ

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Rollers reached the semifinals of the 2022 Arizona Asia-Pacific Islanders Men's Basketball Tournament held recently in Chandler, Arizona.

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A team made up mostly of Rollers alumni took part in the 2022 Arizona Asia-Pacific Islanders Men's Basketball Tournament in Chandler, Arizona.

The team, simply named Rollers, was made up of brothers Prince and Angelo Factor, June Alipio, William Camacho, Markel Toves, Jun Fidelino, Derrick Atalig, Allan Okaya, Manny Matagolai, John Capuyon, and James Kintz.

Rollers started things off with a 36-16 win over EBK as Prince Factor and Matagolai poured in 14 points apiece.

They then made it two straight after nipping Palau's P4L, 39-35, with Factor

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